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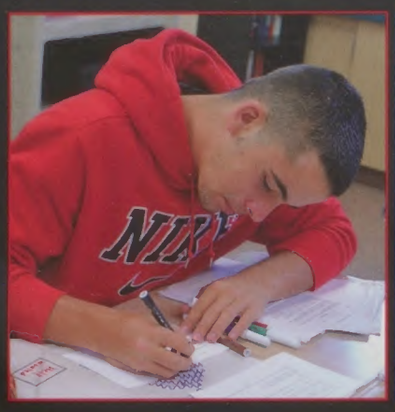

Marker in hand, Connor McShea, senior, creates a poster in his economics class. ■ Flapping her arms in excitement, Emma-Sarah Stephens, senior, embraces her inner nerd for senior Spirit Week. ■ Assisted by her prose book, Tania Cordova, senior, practices one of her three speech pieces in the speech room. ■ Hands together, Nick Novakovich, Buddy Director for Best Buddies, finds out his Buddy for the year is Annie Burke, senior. ■ Pointing towards the bleachers, Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher, explains to Kailee Loughlin, junior, the physics behind dropping objects and measuring with exact angles. ■

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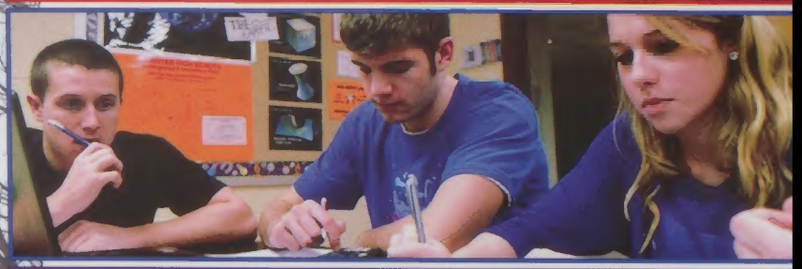

fade to red | In the crowded Student Section, Alex Del Rio, junior, and seniors Alex Sikora, Alex Crowe and Marko Popovich rip their white shirts off during a fake-out at the Varsity Boys' Basketball Regional game. **labs and laptops** | Pencils in hand, juniors David Osborne, Ben Wanicki and Elaine Etter work on a physics lab together. **beat of the drum** | Surrounded by smoke, Mikey McGrath, junior, adjusts his cymbal while performing at Battle of the Bands with his band Chief Diamond Phillips. **flag down** | Running towards the end zone, seniors Anika Gasich, Jen Allen, Charlie Levin and Bernadette Grabowski play in the Powder Puff football game. **jack in the bob** | Dressed as SpongeBob SquarePants, Jack Heiniger, senior, caves into the pressure of his friends to participate in Spirit Week's Random Costume Day.

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7:00 a.m. Alarm clock goes off.
7:30 a.m. Bell rings. Go to locker. Go to class.
Six classes and one lunch period later Drive, take bus, ride bike, walk home, etc.

Let's be honest. High school is pretty ordinary.

We get stuck in early mornings, repetitive classes, and late nights. We have homework, games, rehearsals. We have hobbies, jobs, responsibilities. We have a parking spot in North, a class in South, and a locker we still haven't located.

It's the early morning swim practices. It's the notorious Bulkamatic project. It's working late at Five Guys. It's waking up early on Saturdays for Speech and Debate.

It's the extra effort we put in that makes everything worth it.

It's looking out into a student section full of rainbow Biddy Ball jerseys. It's hearing our favorite songs during passing periods. It's logging onto Facebook and seeing an anonymous compliment. It's bringing back the Mustang Mascot in a time when we needed positivity more than ever. It's reaching our goals, and it's having friends by our sides when hard times hit.

It's high school. It's average, it's boring, it's ordinary.
But it's our ambition, our attitude and our pride that keep us from being anything short of

extraordinary

#1 fans | Sporting their homemade "D-A-N-N-Y" t-shirts, seniors Tania Cordova, Aamina Khan, Maya Portillo, Nathan Kondamuri, and Rachel Corradin cheer on their friend, Daniel Riggs, senior, at the first round of the Boys' Soccer Regional game. "We would always go to the home soccer games to see him play," Rachel said. "We thought that it would be cool to surprise him with t-shirts, so we painted letters to spell out his name, and we put 16's on the back because that was his number. He totally didn't see it coming,"

behind the lens | Laying in the grass during Media Arts, Pam Muangmingsuk, junior, focuses her camera on Chelsea Eickleberry, sophomore. "Shooting outside felt a lot more real because the pictures weren't posed," Pam said. "I saw Chelsea laying in the grass, and I was like, 'Wait, stay like that!' I thought the picture turned out really well because instead of being posed, Chelsea was just being herself." **love shoves** | As he takes his place on the starting squad, a Spanish exchange student, Yago Perala, junior, gets a playful push from his teammate Demitri Georgalas, junior. "When I first got to America (from Spain), I couldn't say anything because my English was so bad," Yago said. "I tried out for the (soccer) team because I really loved to play it in Spain, and it was good for me because I got to meet my friends from playing on the team." **nautical or nice** | Unable to take herself seriously, Emma Hong, senior, giggles as she sits in class in a blonde wig and sailor costume on Random Costume Day. "My friend, Ellie (Dorn, sophomore), pulled out this weird sailor outfit and wig, and I tried it on for everyone, and I was just like 'No, there is no way I can wear this!'" Emma said. "But then I thought, 'Why not?! What else would I wear for Random Costume Day?'" **dance hard, play hard** | Taking a break between running their number, seniors Jessica Ivetich and Shelinda Jones jump around and laugh with the rest of the girls on the dance team. "Our team was just full of goofy girls," Jessica said. "We all love to dance, but it was the special, little moments in between that made us love being on dance so much."

crack of dawn

as the sun begins to rise, students kick off their daily routines before the first hour bell rings

early one-on-one

While most students are eating breakfast or still sleeping, Mark Montella, freshman, steps into Mrs. Audrey Fuhs, Spanish teacher's, classroom during contact time to receive extra help. Contact time served as a way for students to obtain more time with their teachers and understand any confusing material. "I had to wake up earlier, but I thought it (extra help) was worth it," Mark said. "It helped me out a lot, and it gave me one-on-one time with the teacher."

waking up to tunes

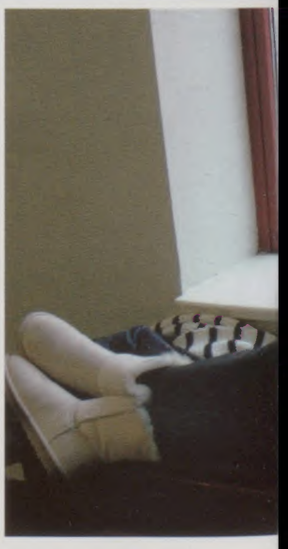
With the melodies of violins and cellos awakening her each morning, Revati Kalluri, sophomore, attended orchestra class every day during zero hour. "I liked playing in a group and it was fun to hear everybody play together," Revati said. "But it was hard having to wake up early in the morning every day." Although students had to wake up early to attend orchestra class, the early time allowed them to participate in more classes during the day. "I was able to get it (orchestra) out of the way," Revati said. "It was nice because it didn't take up a class during the day."

runnin' on dunkin

At 7:05 a.m., seniors AJ Gauthier, Kelan Harish, Jack Heiniger and Nathan Kondamuri, and Alex Wisniewski, sophomore, pull into the parking lot with one thing in mind: Breakfast. The group often went to Dunkin Donuts before school for a quick bite to kick start their morning with a nutritious breakfast and time with friends. "I liked to spend time with friends and start my day off with a nice coffee," AJ said. "I always got some sort of coffee, either iced or hot, and hash browns."

cold feet

Still half asleep at 5:15 a.m., Mary Beth Blocher, junior, stands on the edge of the pool about to begin morning swim practice, willing herself to jump into the 55 degree Fahrenheit water that lies before her. "The sooner you get in, girls, the sooner you'll get out!" she hears Coach Matt Pavlovich, physical education teacher, shout from the deck. Mary Beth adjusts her goggles and braces herself for the freezing water about to wake her up."You stand and look at the pool and think about how warm you are," Mary Beth said. "And then you look at the water and think about how freezing cold it's going to be, but you just have to suck it up and jump in." Mary Beth and the rest of the Girls' Swim Team woke up early to attend morning practice six days a week.



leap year | Smiling as she gets into position, Mary Bridget Baeza, sophomore, prepares to jump into the pool to start morning practice at 5:15 a.m. "I was used to waking up extra early to swim," Mary Bridget said. "It kind of became part of my daily routine, and sometimes I felt like a good wake-up swim kept me more awake during the day."

take a bow | Playing his bass in tune with the rest of the orchestra, Harsh Jhaveri, freshman, tries to wake himself up as the day begins. "The benefit of having orchestra zero hour was that orchestra was still a class while not taking up a spot in the regular six period schedule," Harsh said. "It was also quite amusing to see everyone in the morning. No one was awake yet, and we were all just a bunch of zombies."

dozing off | As his classmate performs a speech, Sean Hasse, sophomore, watches tiredly from his seat in zero hour speech class. "I didn't like getting up at six in the morning everyday," Sean said. "But I liked having more free time during the summer since my summers were already filled with band camp."

the breakfast club

starting their day with an energy boost, students ate Dunkin Donuts for breakfast

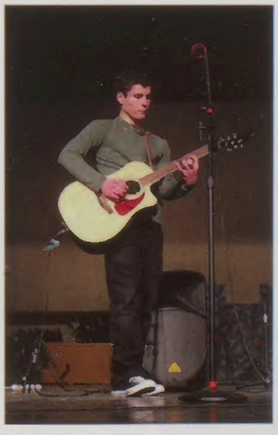
sipping her iced coffee, Bridget Carahe, freshman, eats breakfast with Brigid Mcginty, freshman, after swim practice Thursday morning. "I ate breakfast at school because we burned a lot of calories when we swam at morning practice," Bridget said. "Breakfast was important to have so I could have energy to help me through the school day." **with breakfast placed before him,** AJ Gauthier, senior, sits at Dunkin Donuts before school for a quick bite to eat. "I didn't go as often as I would have liked to, but it was always nice to start off my day with a coffee." **ready to order,** juniors Morgan Papesh and Colleen Kifer order their Dunkin Donuts. "I usually got coffee in the mornings to get ready for the school day," Colleen said.

last minute rush | Sitting with Charles DeCesaris, sophomore, during contact time, Chetan Chauhan, sophomore, checks his email and finishes up any unfinished homework. "Contact time allowed students to ask for any additional help on homework or finish up homework they didn't do," Chetan said.

feet up | After visiting Ms. Jennifer Radde, math teacher, for help, Madeline Purcell, sophomore, sits back and works on homework during contact time. "I thought contact time was helpful because it was you and the teacher and not a bunch of other kids," Madeline said. "It was easier to focus without all your friends around you."

musical morning

performing music during contact time, students showcased their talent during Music Week



Brandon Amaloo, junior
Bass Solo 1 and 2
Julia Chael, freshman
"When I'm Gone" by Lulu and the Lamp shades and "Drops of Jupiter" by Train
Nikola Lukic, junior
"Sam's Town" by The Killers
Kevin Spork, sophomore
"Drive My Soul" and "Saviour" by Lights
Jimmy Slavo, sophomore
Solo performance
Austin Melder, senior, **Nick Blackstone**, junior
Duet performance
Patrick Losniecki, sophomore, **Flynn LeMonnier, junior**
"Gunslinger" by Avenged Sevenfold
Jai Dharla, sophomore
"Maybe It's Over" by Jon McLaughlin

morning tunes | Strumming his guitar, Jonathan Pasyk, senior, performs onstage at Music Week's morning concert during contact time. "Music Week was a great idea and a nice precursor to Battle," Jonathan said. "The few days of performances were very laid back and a lot of fun to play in."

between the bells

breaking from traditional classroom setting, the Munster school day includes a variety of unconventional activities

the way the cookie crumbles

AP Statistics begins, and Ms. Alyssa Rodriguez, math teacher, posts an outline of a hand on the board. The question posed to the class: Which math teacher stole the cookie from the cookie jar? Using statistical calculations and measurements, they were able to find out the answer. This "cookie activity" and others like it were a unique approach to learning, according to Mary Kujawski, senior. "In a way, those activities helped me understand and preview the chapter," Mary said.

sweet success

At any given passing period, Megan Sellberg, senior, can be seen swinging a white cardboard box of chocolate with a line of student customers trailing behind her. Megan had to raise $100 minimum for NWI Youth Sympathy Orchestra for music and instrument costs. After the goal was met, any extra money could be put towards group trips. Megan raised over $325 in over three to four months. "I definitely wanted to save up for the trips we could take," Megan said. "I ended up going to St. Louis and Cleveland, and I could have gone to Germany or Austria."

getting connected

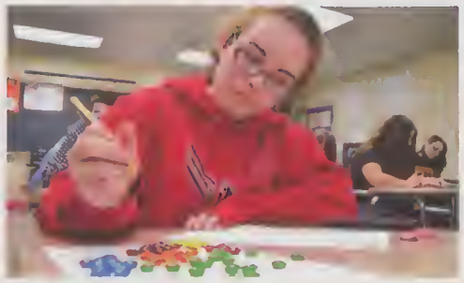
A couple of years ago, it would have been hard to imagine walking into a room and seeing the entire class hunched over laptops. This scene, however, became a reality as teachers furthered their efforts to implement technology into the classroom. "Having the laptops prevented us from carrying lots of heavy books and it made turning in homework easier," Heather Born, freshman, said. "I used the laptops for studying, doing homework, and doing projects. The laptops were helpful and make school easier on us."

a head start

While most students head back to class, Charlie Prucha, senior, heads for the doors. Charlie decided to pursue his interest in welding at the Area Career Center in Hammond, which he attends daily. "I took Area Career Center because I really wanted to learn how to weld and I knew they had a welding class," Charlie said. Juniors and seniors had the opportunity to learn about something that interested them with hands-on work at the Hammond Area Career Center. Classes ranged from Cosmotology and Culinary Arts, to Dentistry and Digital Design. "I think it was the greatest thing ever because it gave a lot of opportunities to kids right out of high school to get them a job," Charlie said.

pumpkin compassion | During school lunch, juniors Allison Wisnewski and Melissa Tepperman sell pumpkins to raise money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. "I was helping sell them because I felt good contributing to the great cause," Allison said.

logged in | Close together, seniors Alexis DeLuna, Ashley Frasco and Mariesa Flores gather around a school laptop. Laptops provided many benefits for learning, but also served as a chance for a break. Wanelo, a shopping website, was popular for many, according to Ashley.



count off | Presented with an array of colors, Kellie Juarez, senior, finds the proportion of M&Ms for her Probability and Statistics class. "The interactive activities helped me learn stats because it allowed me to apply what I learned to a real situation, even if that situation was just M&Ms," Kellie said.

strike a pose

phatagraphy affers students a new way ta laak at things and is an interactive way ta learn

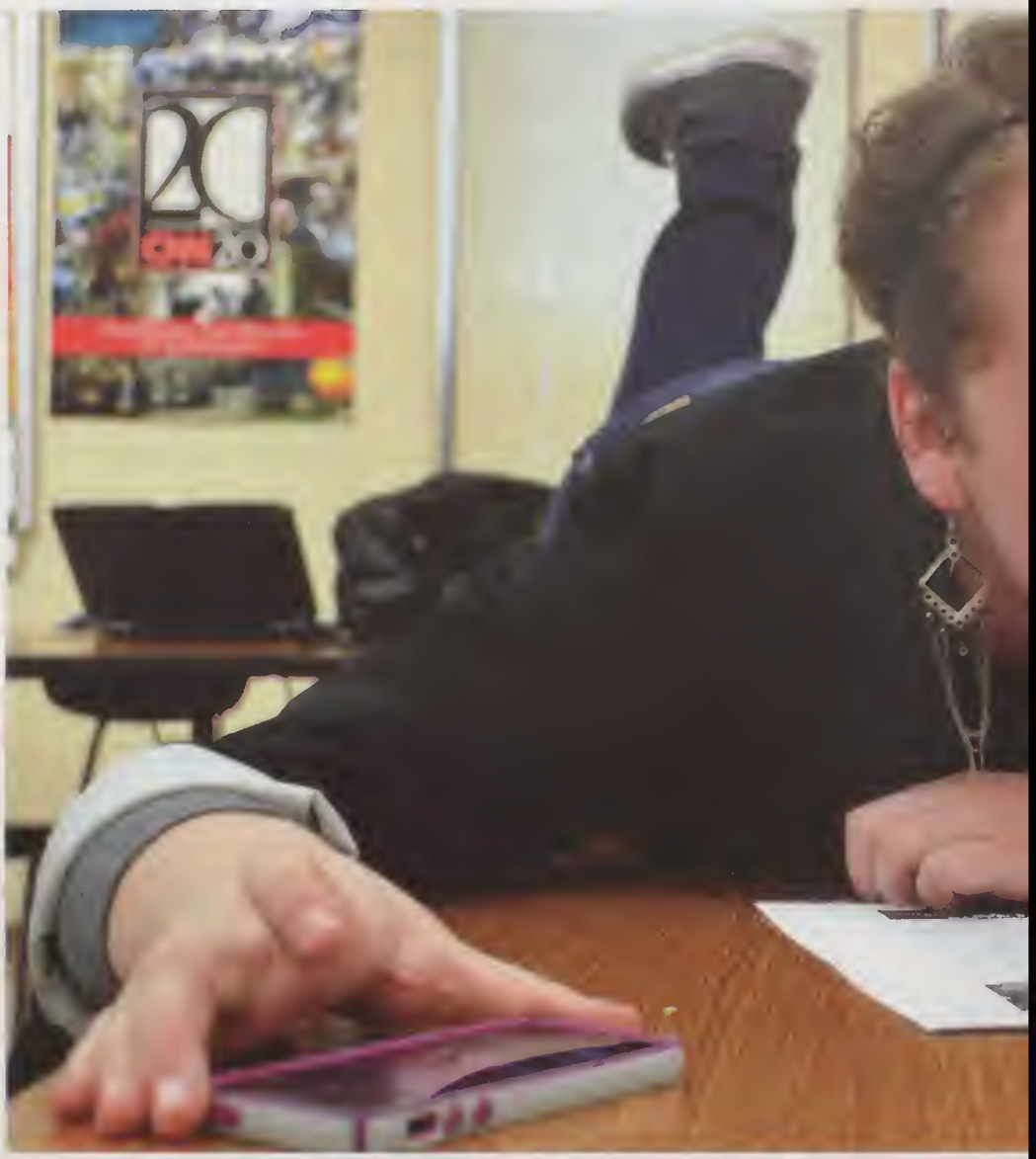
snap shot | Focusing his camera, Gustavo Magan, sophomore finishes up his photo shoot. "My favorite part of photography was the photo shoot," Gustavo said. "I thought photography class was a great experience because I got to learn about the art of making a photo." **framing effect** | Striking a pose, Lexi Habegger, senior, smiles for the camera in Media Arts class. Students applied what they learned in class during the photo shoots. "It was really cool to spend a day outside to shoot because the light was way better," Lexi said.

creative liberties | Fixated on her project, Lisa Slavo, senior, paints her collage in AP Studio Art. Lisa took 1950s inspiration to create an artistic timeline of ways to listen to music. "My favorite thing about this project was the fact of how quickly inspired I was to put everything together," Lisa said. "No question about it, I am in love with the records in the project."

round table discussion | In a circle, Nathan Kondumuri, senior, and Eashan Kumar, junior, listen to advisor Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher, for We the People. We the People students could often be found studying together in the library. "We had to do a mock We The People competition where we had to go through all six units and get sources," Nathan said.

repeated history | On stand, Lindsey Bermingham, freshman, takes her role in the Martin Luther trial for Modern World History. The trial was a role playing experience that taught students about history. "I thought it (the trial) was very educational without being boring," Lindsey said. "We actually got to get a feel for what it was like. It was like learning without knowing you were learning because you were having fun."

inspection detection | One eye shut, Matt Mavity, senior, observes human tissue samples under a microscope for Anatomy. Science labs were a common approach for interactive learning. "Labs allowed us to get hands-on experience," Matt said.



[illegible] | Pen in mouth, Lauren Rouse, junior, laughs with fellow *Crier* staffers while editing pages. "On the Thursday before a paper came out, we sat around and made edits together," Lauren said. "Cesar (Camacho, junior) said something funny in the lab and made me laugh." The staff shared a special bond while spending time together, according to Lauren. "We're a huge family, and it was easy for us to get along."

[illegible] | Making their way toward the practice field, Billy McDunn, sophomore; Daniel Straka, junior; and Jeremy Murphy, freshman, chat before practice. "Even though it took up a lot of time, band was fun," Billy said. "It was fun being able to hangout and bond with everyone in band. We all developed friendships because of it."

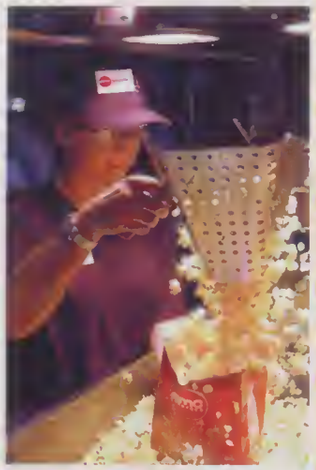
on the clock

working at AMC Theaters, Natalia Swiatko, junior, earns money while balancing time after school

Various duties:

- sell tickets
- greeter
- concession stands
- usher

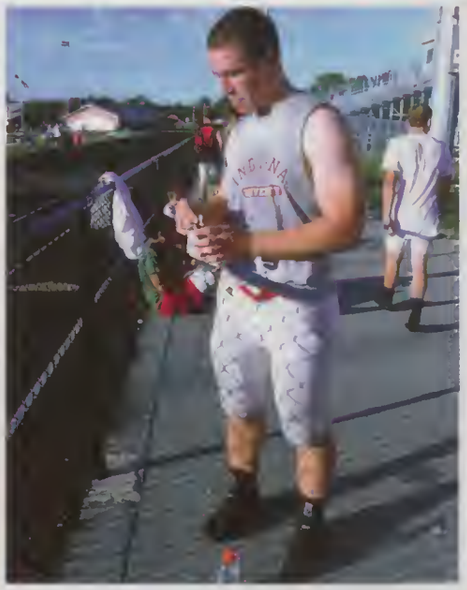
6 hours per weekend
x $7.25 per hour
$43.50 per week



source: Natalia Swaitko, junior

popcorn pour | Pouring freshly made popcorn into a bag, Natalia Swiatko, junior, performs one of her several duties at AMC theaters.

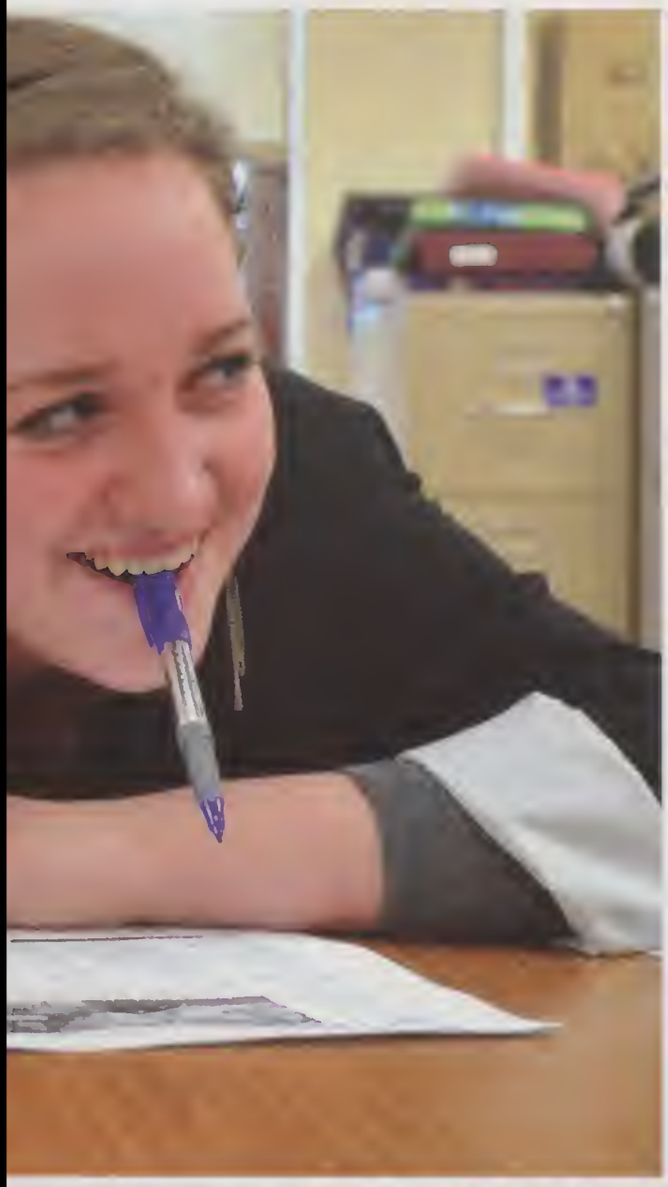
practice makes perfect | Full of emotion, Dana Handler, sophomore, performs her speech in the practice rooms. Perfecting her speech required hours of practice after school. "I competed in humorous interpretation," Dana said. "It wasn't like the kind of speech you did in class. I had to act out a story and play every character perfectly."



take a break | Taking a break during practice, Alex Crowe, senior, eats a hot dog on the team's hot dog night. With an intense school schedule, Alex had to manage his time wisely in order to balance academics and hours of practice. "Organization was key," Alex said. "I couldn't waste time at all, but there were some late nights to get everything done."

the night life

students involved in several extracurricular activities spend hours after school, learning to manage their time wisely



practice makes **perfect**

Sun shining bright in the sky, Anthony Giannini, senior, makes the trek from the gym to the sweltering, hot football field for a three hour practice after school. The football team practiced for three hours every day after school to prepare for upcoming games, making time management a key aspect of playing the sport. "Keeping your grades up was always difficult in the season," Anthony said. "But you just had to keep committed and set aside time for any studying or homework."

working the **deadline**

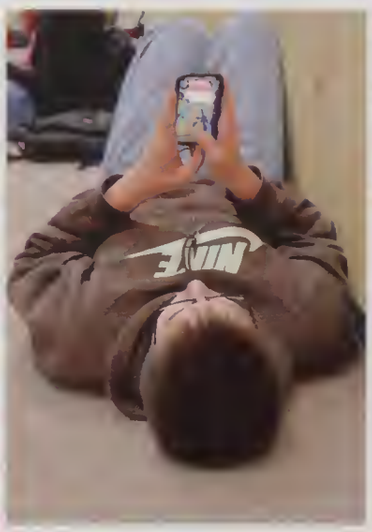
Yelling for photos to be edited, Editor-in-Chief Annie Skertic, senior goes though a mental checklist, making sure nothing is left behind at 8:00 p.m. With the Macs emitting a soft blue glow, seven *Crier* staffers stared at the screens, almost ready to send in the latest 12-page issue. *Crier* typically spent four hours a day after school during build week, depending on how much work they needed to finish. "We had to stay focused on details," Annie said. "We wanted to have time to perfect and edit mistakes."

helping **hand**

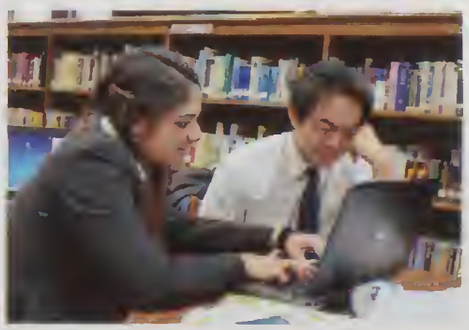
Every Thursday after school, Savannah Shaver, freshman, could be seen working with a senior from National Honor Society (NHS). Students in NHS tutored other students in various subjects for service hours after school. "Spending the time after school was completely worth it," Savannah said. "The student tutors could relate more to what you were struggling with, and it was a real confidence builder."

all day and **all night**

Waking up at 6:30 a.m. for school and returning home at 9:00 p.m. from work was just a normal day for Amanda Brazzle, sophomore. Working two to three times a week for five to six hours was a daily part of her life. "I wanted to get a job that was close to home, so I applied to Five Guys," Amanda said. "I worked as a cashier most of the time, but I also worked in the back and lobby when I needed to." With new restaurants opening on Calumet, students had more opportunities to earn money in their free time after school.



Quick Facts | Eyes glued to the screen of their Dell laptops, seniors Ameera Minhas and Sammy Dong take in some last minute information for We The People. The team typically spent two to three hours after school, but they also put in individual time, according to Ameera. "Sammy would come over a lot, and we would work on our essay ourselves and share it with the unit when we could," Ameera said.

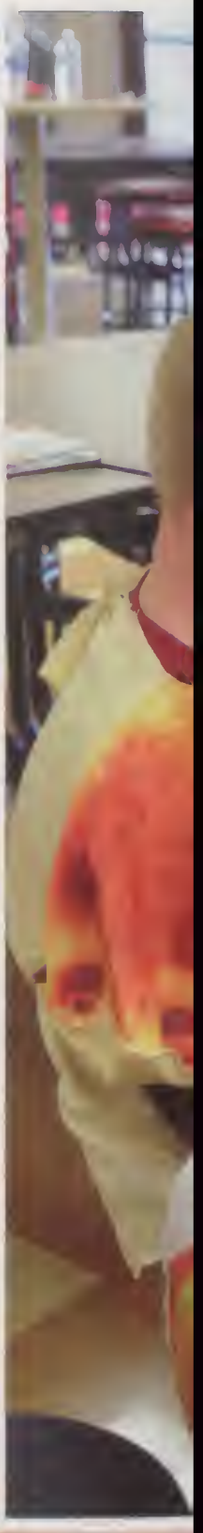


Friends and Fans | After much anticipation, seniors Taha Quershi and David Carbajal cheer on the Boys' Basketball team at the game versus Andrean. "On the weekends it was easy to manage my time because I saved homework and studying for Saturdays and Sundays," David said. "Doing that gave me time to do things with my friends and go to games."

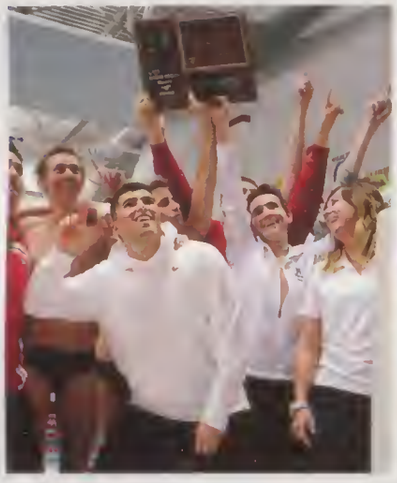
Temple Runner | Laid back in the band room, Kayetan Wozniak, sophomore, plays Temple Run 2 on his phone while waiting for practice to start. Band required a large amount of time dedication, especially during the marching season. "Handling time dedication for concert band was not as tough as the time consuming marching season," Kayetan said. "Once the school year started, I set aside time so that I could study and keep my grades up, as well as hang out with my friends."

frank and shake | Hip thrusts and flailing arms are a common occurence in the Mustang Superfan Section as Travis Frank, senior, busts out his dance moves at each Boys' Basketball game. "I loved just going all out," Travis said. "It was funny because when other people saw me doing crazy stuff, it made them want to be crazy too.

cap and cane | Surrounded by the cast of *Pippin*, Kendall Goldberg, senior, dresses up in an outrageous costume during Spirit Circle, a Munster Theatre Company tradition. "I was dressed up as Melissa McCarthy from Bridesmades," Kendall said. "It was like a second home to me and the people were like a second family to me."

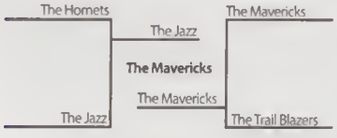


swim and win | Defending their Conference title, the Boys' Swimming team holds their plaque in the air with pride. Their last Conference game was on a Saturday. "It sucked having swim on Saturdays," Nick Simic, senior, said. "But when you get everything done in the morning, you would get the rest of the day to yourself to do what you want."



final four

some boys spend Sunday mornings in the fieldhouse playing each other in a biddy ball league



source: Kelan Harish, senior

biddy ball so hard | Eyes on the ball and the basket, Jack Heiniger, senior, shoots a lay-up. "It wasn't hard getting up early because biddy ball wasn't too serious," Jack said. "It was fun to go play around and compete."

in drive | Careful not to break his car, Joe Yurek, junior, poses his car in order to build the right-sized ramp for his Science Olympiad event. "Akilesh (Mishra, junior) and I had to make a car where we had to control the distance it went," Joe said. "We made a breaking system with a screw, and each time we tested it, we could adjust the screw so that the car would go as far as we needed."

art appreciation | Admiring a statue, Dan Green, sophomore, and Eric Swingler, junior, take a weekend field trip to the Art Institute in Chicago for AP Art History. "It was an awesome field trip, but it was kind of weird hanging out with (Mr. Carl) Fields (art teacher) on the weekend," Dan said. "It was fun to think about what might happen if I broke one of those 2,000 year old Bhuddas."

a weekend affair

instead of taking a break on the weekends, students found their weekend schedules to be packed with academics, sports and activities

trick or **treat**

Painting a pumpkin for the Best Buddies Halloween Party, Haley Reda, senior, bonds with her buddy Sam Bratton, freshman. "Best Buddies really helped me to create a genuine relationship with Sam," Haley said. "I loved being able to see Sam and really getting to know his personality." The requirements of becoming a peer buddy involved a student having consideration towards those with mental disabilities and meeting with their buddy at least twice a month with a one to one activity. "I think the program was honestly the best, most impacting program a person could be in," Haley said.

a second **family**

Big productions, big crowds and big music numbers. The Munster Theater Company presents plays and musicals over the weekend, causing members to put a lot of time into the club on their days off from school. "Even though it was pretty time consuming, like really time consuming. It was laid back and fun," Jai Dharla, sophomore, said. "The people were a lot of fun to be around, and on top of that, acting in front of hundreds of people could be a real thrill."

didn't even see **daylight**

As his Saturday morning alarm clock rings, Nick Siano, junior, rolls out of bed, often before the sun would rise. Another Saturday, another speech meet. Tournaments usually began at 8 a.m., requiring students to wake up as early as 3:30 a.m. and come home around 7 p.m., according to Nick. "We're in the Chicago time zone, and most of the tournaments we went to were on Indy time, so we also had to compensate for losing an hour," Nick said. "If it was a meet that wasn't as far, I liked to wake up pretty early just so I wouldn't have to rush to shower, get dressed and eat."

down to **business**

Circled around the dining table at his house, Nick Brant, senior, and his Bulkmatic group research different ways to solve problems with fuel supply for AP English Language and Composition. "It was a really intimidating project since everyone had heard that it was the '40-page paper,'" Nick said. "We really wanted to get an A, so we just worked hard to create a sick project. Max (Lundin, senior) would take attendance every time we met up."

funny faces | Smile on her face, Haley Reda, senior, helps Sam Bratton, freshman, paint his pumpkin. Best Buddies had a pumpkin painting party around Halloween. "Best Buddies was such a great experience," Haley said. "You had to meet with your buddy to hang out with them, but Sam and I were such good friends that I loved spending time with him. I think I took away so much from being a part of all of this."

cashing in | As he rings up a customer, Brad Soczyk, senior, works a weekend shift at Five Guys. "It did tamper with a few of my plans, but I would usually work during the day, so it wouldn't affect my night life," Brad said. "I still liked working there because it was a great environment. They teach good work ethic, and it was always pretty lively."

double trouble | Binders in hand, Zaria Suggs, junior, and Vivanne Reba, freshman, work on a part of their speech piece at the Munster Tournament. Speech team members had to sacrifice their Saturdays to compete. "It was great to be around those people," Vivanne said. "Even when you aren't in rounds, it was so much fun to be around the whole team, and it made waking up so early worth it."

beyond the surface

As the bell rings for study hall, we instinctively pull out our laptops to check our emails. We quickly respond to friends, scan the Speech and Debate events packed on our Outlook calendars, then check Mr. Kalwasinski's Moodle for schedules or digital class assignments.

It could be hard to fathom for some. Only inches in front of our faces, our laptops are wired with instant connections to the entire school network. We cram an array of activities into a precise, well-managed after school itinerary and mentally check off an abundance of homework every day.

But to us, it's just another study hall.

We have textbooks, classes, club meetings and practices all packed into a mundane routine that is played on repeat each day. It all just feels so normal. But if we were to take a step back, we would realize how special everything we do here is.

We would see the exhaustion on a runner's face after a long day of Track practice. We would see the concentration of a Unit as they present their speeches for We the People. We would see the satisfaction of an AP US History student's face after earning another participation point. We would see the anticipation of a guitarist waiting for the bell to ring so he can race to band practice.

Sure, the novelty could get lost in day-to-day tasks, but it's important to stand back and appreciate what makes us truly

more than ordinary

in wonderland | Sitting on vibrantly painted mushrooms, Steven Caraher, junior, and Allison Hemingway, sophomore, channel their characters in *Alice in Wonderland*. Steven used the intricate settings to help him become his character, the Caterpillar. "The backgrounds were beautiful," Steven said. "There was a curtain between me and the audience, and while I was waiting for my scene to start, I would just look around at the scenery. As an actor, it helped to get myself into character. But the setting was so realistic, so for the audience, it made everything believable."

second home, second family

Girls' Cross Country participates in an annual scavenger hunt instead of their traditional practice

DIRECTED BY CLUES given to them by Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, the Girls' Cross Country team made their way all over town for their annual Scavenger Hunt.

"Duff would give us these poems, and they were always super vague, so you never knew what to expect," Ellie Dorn, sophomore, said.

Following the London Olympics this summer, the scavenger hunt's theme was based on the Olympics. At each stop, the girls had to compete in an event.

"Emily (McNicholas, junior) and I won that event," Ellie said. "It was kind of fun because even though each thing was supposed to be silly, we all worked our butts off to get stupid, little plastic medals. At one point, they gave us whistles, and it was really funny because it was really early on a Saturday, and people were not happy that we were blowing whistles by their houses so early."

Girls' Cross Country had a very close bond and had a lot of traditions that kept them close. They, along with many other sports teams and clubs, had team dinners and bonding activities to build a positive attitude and atmosphere.

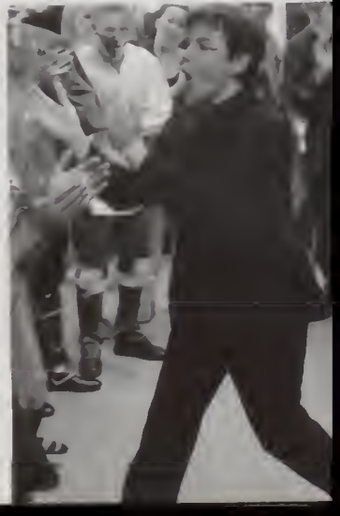
"It was our most fun practice," Ellie said. "It wasn't really that hard because even though we ran a lot, we would only run for about ten minutes, and then we would stop to do another activity. It wasn't really that important for practice, but it was more for fun and being close to each other. I really like running, but if it wasn't for the awesome bond I had with my team, I wouldn't enjoy it nearly as much."

hey, batter batter At the plate, Ellie Dorn, sophomore, prepares to swing her mini baseball bat as she keeps her eye on the ball. "At each stop, we would have a game or activity since we had an Olympic theme," Ellie said.

gather 'round Before the game, Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher, talks to the Girls' Soccer team about what they need to do to win. "We were so close as a a team," Renee Rumas, junior, said. "Everyone played like one team. That was so important to us."

top it all off Ice cream in one hand and chocolate syrup in the other, Marko Popovich, senior, customizes his sundae at a Football Team dinner. "The entire team would always go to a different person's house each time and just eat everything," Marko said.

the band bond Taking a break from practice, Michael Wadas, senior, eats dinner with the marching band. "The bond was really close, almost to the point where it was weird," Michael said. "When you spend that much time with people, things stop being weird, and you lose social inhibitions."



food and friends Smiles on their faces, Evan Kattan, senior, and Peter Panos, junior, joke around as Peter tries to get some food off of Evan's shirt at the Fall Sports Banquet. "Evan and my older brother were always good friends, so I had know him since elementary school," Peter said. "But since we started playing soccer together, we just got so close, and he was one of my very best friends on the team."

best dressed Like any other day, seniors Daniel Riggs, Doug Yokovich, Alex Sikora, and Drake Bowers, and juniors Peter Panos and Demitri Georgalas walk to the soccer practice after school, but this time, dressed in Homecoming Spirit Week attire. "We thought it would be funny to wear our costumes when we actually practiced," Doug said. "But then once we started practice, we figured out that it would be hard to run in those costumes."

word nerds In a circle on the floor, seniors Mady Moyer, Bridget Anderson and Parin Patel play Catch Phrase during their down time at DECA Districts. "If there was a lot of time between events, it was a good way to pass time with other students," Bridget said. "It was also a great way to bond with new people."

clap into character Making his way around the Spirit Circle Christian Fary, senior, helps the cast of *Pippin* clap into character. "We used this to get into character and get motivated for the show," Christian said. "It was a great bonding experience, and it has been a tradition in the theater for a long time."

supportive sisters

the girls on various teams supported and treated each other like sisters

in a warm embrace, sophomores Catherine Tavitas and Brianna Crowe congratulate each other on their performances at a football game. Though they were on separate teams, the cheerleaders and dances supported each other. **ready to stand,** Kailee Loughlin, junior, reaches for Sylvie Kristoff, senior, to help her up. On the sidelines, the Girls' Soccer team depended on one another for assistance in stretching and warming up.

dance the night away

from speeches to dances, the members of HUM, a cultural organization, have numerous things planned for their culture night

social hour/welcoming
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cultural fashion show
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singing of the anthem
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speech by Rohan Chatterjee, sophomore
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traditional bhangra and remix dances
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open dance floor

source: Aishariya Bandopadhyay, senior

a song and dance Keeping the mood light, Aishariya Bandopadhyay, senior, laughs during a HUM dance practice. "Learning the dances were a way to show the community our culture," Aishariya said.

sweet celebration Cutting into a slice of cake, Tiffany Wang, freshman, celebrates Mardi Gras with French Club. Tiffany believed in the importance of embracing the traditions of all cultures. "It's important, as a school, to recognize them (cultural diversity) and celebrate how we're all different, yet united," Tiffany said.

faraway festivals

each foreign language club model their events after important festivals from each country

dia de los muertos:
(Day of the Dead) in Mexico; celebrates and honors the deceased; customs include the making of elaborate altars and eating traditional foods such as pan de muerto(bread of the dead)

oktoberfest:
Germany; a 16 day celebration surrounding food and alcohol that takes place at the end of September and into the beginning of October

mardi gras:
(Fat Tuesday) in France, New Orleans, Brazil, an indulgent festival filled with food preceding Lent

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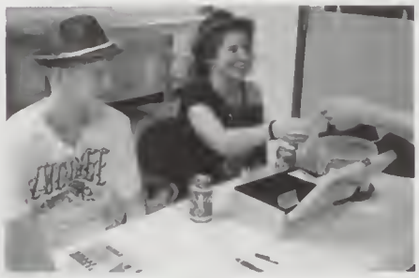


warm welcome With smiles on their faces, Brett Kessler, sophomore, and Carline Rivera, freshman, give warm welcomes to Oktoberfest visitors.

food fiesta Spoon in hand, Amanda Milojkovich, junior, serves up salsa to other members at the Spanish Club's Day of the Dead party. "The party let the students get a sense of Spanish culture," Amanda said. "The party included other clubs too, like ASL and German club, and so it exposed everyone to everyone else's culture a little."

dance lesson Around a circle of children, Nicole Mielnicki, senior, instructs a Polish dance. Nicole embraced her culture by teaching the children at Polish school. "All the dances in Polish culture tell a story," Nicole said. "You have to show emotions through everything you do. Some we sing while we dance; we sing loud and proud."

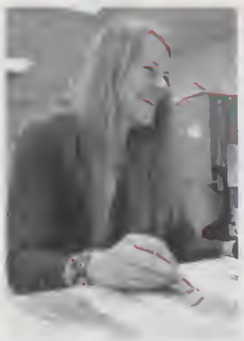
serve it up Tray filled with apple streudel, Christian Fary, senior, volunteers at German Club's Oktoberfest. "Oktoberfest was our (German Club's) biggest fundraiser," Christian said. "There was tons of food there: bratwurst, potatoes, different German desserts."

two to tango All smiles, Victoria Chinnam, senior, practices a dance with Marty O'Shaughnessy, junior. The two learned the tango, salsa and waltz for a Spanish Club event. "The event gave students an opportunity to meet new people who had similar interests," Victoria said.

culture shock Working out on fitness equipment, Thibault Aktay, junior, assimilates himself in different classes. Thibault participated in a foreign exchange program from Belgium. "The most difficult thing to adjust to was food," Thibault said. "Eating healthy is hard for me here."

around the world

the school hosts three foreign exchange students from different European countries



"I have met so many nice and awesome people and made a lot of experiences and memories for life. It was not a year in a life; it was a life in a year, and I will always be proud to be a Munster Mustang."

Luise Schuettler, junior

name: Luise Schuettler, junior
country: Germany

cross cultural

regardless of whether it was their own, students embrace cultures from every part of the globe

THE SCENT OF BRATWURST, potatoes and streusel fill the air while traditional German music sounds in the background. Amongst the activity, Christian Fary, senior, shuffles through the cafeteria to help the unique festival, Oktoberfest, run smoothly. The event extended students' cultural exposure beyond the classroom. Christian, who studied German for four years, was encouraged to study the language and culture through the influence of his childhood friend.

"I grew up with Nathalie Kauz, (junior), and I always wanted to learn how to talk to her and her mom," Christian said.

With her father from Switzerland and her mother from Ecuador, Nathalie had a unique upbringing. From a young age, Nathalie made numerous trips overseas to Spain, Italy, France, Ecuador, Mexico, and even grew up in Germany. The exposure to foreign countries enriched her perspective, according to Nathalie.

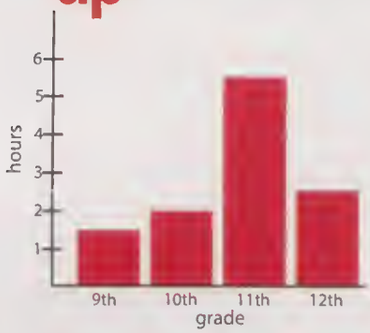
"It's been really interesting to see how Latin American families differ from European-styled families, and how their culture influences their education styles," Nathalie said.

Students came into contact with an array of cultures each day. Embracing the diversity remained an important goal for everyone, according to Christian.

"It's important to be aware of the different lifestyles and ways of life of every student," Christian said. "We should celebrate where everyone has come from."

add up

it teachers assign various hours of homework for different grade levels



sources Jill Ylo, freshman, David Vogel, sophomore; Shriya Das, junior; and Helena Jancosek, senior

nap time Dozing off, Tyler Steapleton, sophomore, fits in a quick nap during class. Students sometimes rested after they were completed with their assignments. "I usually slept during the first two hours of the day," Tyler said. "I would sleep when I was tired and didn't get much sleep the night before."

study session At the public library, Kaitlyn Costello, freshman, seeks the help of Casey Griffin, senior. "I was struggling a lot in Biology, so I went to my counselor," Kaitlyn said. "He recommended this (tutoring). I didn't think it would help, but it really did tremendously. It raised my grade and helped me understand the materials better."

down time Aiding for Ms. Leigh Westland, english teacher, Rachel Chen, senior, completes some of her homework in her free time. "I already had all my credits," Rachel said. "I wanted to have a class where I could just relax since I was already taking other honors classes."

right time

on like many students, Rachel Chen, senior, follows a specific routine throughout the week

5:00 a.m. - wake up
5:30 a.m. - swim practice
6:15 a.m. - leave pool to shower
6:45 a.m. - orchestra
7:45 a.m. - school
3:00 p.m. - swim practice
6:00 p.m. - Camerata practice
7:00 p.m. - go home and start homework
12:00 a.m. - sleep

enough already

students balance school with extracurricular activities and friends on a daily basis

AFTER SPENDING SEVEN HOURS in school taking grammar notes, completing math equations or experimenting in Chemistry, students tackle a fresh pile of homework waiting to be completed while also trying to maintain their after school activities.

"I usually had the same routine most days," Andrew Dorn, sophomore, said. "When I got home from tennis practice, I basically snacked, took a twenty minute nap, did my homework, ate, napped, did homework, slept for the night and then repeated for the next day."

Trying to fight those urges to fall asleep while studying, some students found ways to keep themselves awake late into the night.

"A lot of the time, I'd start to fall asleep while reading, so I would usually get a bowl of popcorn to eat to help me stay awake," Jack Arnold, junior, said.

In order to balance homework and other activities, Emma Hodges, senior, completed her homework ahead of time.

"I usually came home and did my homework right away and then went to softball practice," Emma said. "If something was due in a week, I would usually just get it done when it was assigned so I wouldn't have to worry about it later."

multi-tasking Working on homework during study hall, Steven Caraher, junior, also spends time with juniors, Colleen Kifer, Morgan Papesh and Daniel Straka. "Study hall gave me a chance to lighten the homework load for that night," Steven said. "My favorite part about study hall was just having twenty minutes to relax and switch gears to my afternoon classes."

in line Trumpet held high, Austin Drabenstot, senior, attends marching band practice every Tuesday and Thursday night. "Balancing school and band was definitely a challenge, not to mention socializing with friends," Austin said. "Most of the time, the friends that I would see were other people in band. There simply weren't enough hours in the day to see all of my friends outside of band."

practice makes perfect Practicing her speech during Speech practice, Meena Kandallu, freshman, contributes four to five hours a week for speech. "I balanced my homework by working on it during the bus rides to speech and also working very hard in school," Meena said.

lunch time disguise Arriving to lunch as the main character from *Wilfred*, Matt Bulow, senior, comes to school dressed up on Halloween. "I decided to dress up because Halloween is one of my favorite holidays," Matt said. "I think dressing up for school was important because it was fun and made the school day exciting."

hard at work Pen in hand, Katy Arteaga, junior, fills up her periodic table worksheet for Integrated Chemistry and Physics. Some students who didn't enjoy science decided to take alternatives. "I decided to take it (Integrated Chemistry and Physics) because I heard the regular class would be hard," Katy said.

perfect match With his matching argyle sweater and beard, Steven Rakich, junior, stands beside Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, social studies teacher, in the cafeteria. "I dressed up like Mr. J because he was one of the coolest teachers," Steven said. "He was also one of the funniest I knew, and I felt he should be acknowledged for it."

covalent bond Observing a gravity vehicle, Jessica Avina and Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher, work on Science Olympiad after school. "Koszut was like my Science Olympiad dad," Jessica said. "One time after practice, I was going to hang out with a guy and he said he was going to go out to his car and meet him."

helping hand Papers spread out before her, Jessica Pazik, freshman, helps Ms. Vicari, science teacher, in the hallway. "Mrs. Vicari was basically like a mentor to me," Jessica said. "She helped me out with anything I needed, whether it was school-related or not."

show and tell Eyes focused, Saptarshi Chakraborty, sophomore, watches carefully as Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, demonstrates a lab. "Mrs. Nolan was really helpful," Saptarshi said. "Whenever somone asked her a question about a lab, she would make sure she tended to their needs, and if other students asked questions, she would make sure to help them, too."

take care While at the tennis portion of the Girls' Cross Country Scavenger Hunt, Colleen Ogren, senior, is comforted by Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, after being injured.

up in arms With his arms raised over his head, Sean McCarthy, senior, attempts to block Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, social studies teacher, at the Student vs. Teacher basketball game. "Playing against the teachers was great," Sean said. "Most of them were former coaches or teachers of mine, which made it even better. They had won the two years prior, so we knew we had our work cut out for us going into the game."

in the family

Drew Hackett, sophomore, weighs the pros and cons of having his dad, Mr. Mike Hackett, physical education teacher, in the building

pros

Whenever I needed money, I was always able to go to him. Also, I didn't need a ride to and from school.

cons

Everyone knew him, so no matter what I did, good or bad, he would find out somehow, some way.

father and son On the sideline, Drew Hackett, sophomore, and his dad, Mr. Mike Hackett, physical education teacher, exchange words during a break at the game against Lake Central.

close-knit ties

as a result of daily classes and practices, students form strong bonds between themselves and teachers

TOILET PAPER IN HAND, Colleen Ogren, senior, and the rest of the Girls' Cross Country team sneak across English teacher, Coach Michelle Duffy's lawn. The team continues its annual tradition of TPing her and Coach Kyleen Nolan, science teacher's, houses. And as tradition goes, Coach Duffy catches the team in the act.

Many students formed close relationships with their teachers or coaches as a result of daily classes or practices. Cross Country was no exception. Colleen was able to form a strong bond between herself and Coach Duffy through four years of being on the team.

"Our relationship was just like any coach to athlete relationship," Colleen said. "But I also thought of her as a role model and someone I could go to if I had any problems. Duffy and Nolan also really pushed us to do our best. They wanted us all to achieve our full potential."

The team also spent time with Coach Duffy and Coach Nolan outside of practices and meets. Bonding activities, like an overnight lock-in, helped runners get to know the coaches in addition to one another.

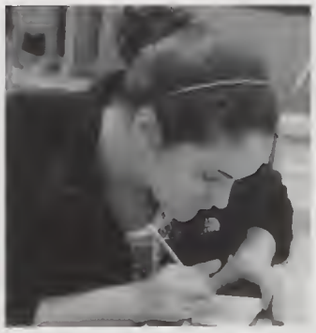
"Duffy and Nolan would sleep over with us at the lock in," Colleen said. "Duffy would make really good pasta salad, and we would take really funny pictures of Nolan."

Having a close bond with a teacher or coach was a beneficial relationship to have, according to Colleen.

"When you had a good relationship with a coach, it was really easy to have fun and enjoy the sport," Colleen said.

join the club

clubs of all types, from academic to artistic, consumed ample time from a student's schedule



with her buddy, Zaria Suggs, junior, decorates Christmas cookies at the Best Buddies holiday party. Zaria jumped at the opportunity to be in a new club and make a new friend. **carving detail into a tile,** Tori Foster, sophomore, concentrates on her Art Club project.

a week in the life of...

busy lives and late nights are the definition of Munster student, from clubs to essays to home life

MANY STUDENTS FOCUSED their lives on different things such as school work, sports, extracurricular activities or even community service.

"I had a tendency to over check all of my homework and over study," Ashley Hwhang, junior said. "So if I didn't have enough time for that, I stressed out. If that didn't work, which usually happens, to calm myself down I went to bed early and woke up extremely early to finish everything."

Although homework consumed a large part of high school students lives, they still found time to balance things that were important to them.

"Usually after school I had about an hour or two of homework, then two hours of Science Olympiad," Kimberly Wang, sophomore said. "Then after school I also played an hour of piano."

It wasn't just academics that filled students schedules, sports played a large role in time consumption. Swimming was notorious for their grilling practices.

"On a normal swimming week, I would have morning practices every single day from five thirty to seven, then I would go to school, and I would go to practice and sometimes at practice I would end up going home at five thirty," Ashley said. "Then during days I had meets during the week I wouldn't get home until nine or nine thirty, which is extremely difficult because of my class schedule."

make some noise Under a blanket, Jamie Whiting, junior, and two of her friends, cheer on Jamie's boyfriend, Doug Yokovich, senior. Jamie supported her boyfriend at his hockey games. "After games my boyfriend and I went out to eat or just relaxed or hungout with other hockey players," Jamie said.

on the look out Waiting for his turn, Demetri Georgalas, junior, plays Monopoly in AP US History. "We were playing Monopoly because we started to learn about when the first big businesses came to surface," Demetri said. "Mr. Lopez wanted us to see how the game Monopoly correlated with how to manage a big business in real life."

experimental subjects

giving students hands-on experience with concepts, lab experiments are a large part of a typical science class

fixated, Liana Varjabedean, senior, works on an AP Biology lab. **with safety goggles on,** Cathy Lebryk, junior, participates in a Biomedical Science lab. "It (the class) was more hands -on and it taught you to work with other people to try and accomplish different labs and tasks. **adjusting equipment,** Danielle Hladek, sophomore holds her test tube over the fire to accomplish another honors chemistry lab assignment.

let's get together

various teams use their bond as a team to get through the tough times

hands in the air, the Boys' Basketball team breaks their huddle. I was just celebrating with my school after winning Sectionals," Luke Wuchenich, junior, said. "I was extremely happy and excited for my team and let it all out once it was done and over with." **tightly packed together,** the district Hockey team gathers around each other to discuss team plays. The Hockey team was composed of boys from other schools. "You got to meet new people and you weren't hanging out with the same people you saw every day" Tyler Mehay, junior said.

front and center

certain situations forced students out of their comfort zone and into focus

HE STEPS IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE. As he brings his trumpet to his mouth, he gets ready to play the first note, but no sound comes out. It's as if his mouth is filled with cotton, forbidding him to play.

Although this happened in his sophomore year, Michael Wadas, senior, is still recovering from being put out of his comfort zone.

"I would say that was the beginning of a big lack of confidence that persisted through my junior year," Michael said. "I just started to rebuild that confidence, so I could make playing solos not a really big deal."

Many students like Michael dealt with the pressure to perform well in front of an audience. Rohan Chatterjee, sophomore, experienced this while acting as the Chesire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland.*

"Earlier there were some concerns about how this whole show was going to depend on me," Rohan said. "But, as you got closer to the show, it became more of an exciting feeling that a show was going to be depending on you."

After performing at speech competitions, Zaria Suggs, junior, found a strategy that allowed her to perform without being nervous.

"I focused less on winning and focused more on portraying the story," Zaria said. "I tried not to be nervous and reminded myself that everyone's your friend and everyone wants to see you succeed."

zooming in Shooting photos at a Girls' Cross Country meet, Liz Lanman, senior, gets up close to get a candid photo. "I felt awkward when I had to get into people's faces," Liz said. "I got more comfortable with experience. You just built confidence as a photographer that made it less awkward."

right on task Working on AP questions in AP Literature and Composition, Emily Kaniewski, junior, sits at the front of the class and completes her assignment. "Some advantages to siting in the front of the room were that you could avoid distractions and have direct attention from your teacher," Emily said.

front and center Sitting at a lunch booth, Rachel Corradin, senior, rushed to lunch from AP Economics. Through a random occurence, Rachel bonded with her teacher, Mr. Donald Fortner. "He (Mr. Fortner) let us pick our seats on the first day, but of course, I came right when the bell rang," Rachel said. "So, I ended up sitting in the front corner because all the other seats were taken. We pretty much became friends because I could hear all those sassy little comments he made since we sat in front of the room."

take the lead As the band performs their show, Devin Zuck, senior, stands up front to conduct. "Being in the front and being able to watch the band was a very different experience than actually marching," Devin said. "Sometimes the band would want to speed up or slow down. It was my job to keep the band together, so there was stress and anxiety that came with it.

group effort Standing in front of the class, Mary Kujawski, senior, presents the *Dante's Inferno* project with her group in World Literature. "I usually felt nervous before a presentation," Mary said. "It was nice presenting with a group because I didn't have to say the whole presentation, but I was still nervous."

head of the class Speaking in German, Catherine Arndt, sophomore, presents different animals in German class. Students had different ways of dealing with their nervousness for presentations. "I felt pretty comfortable, especially since I knew most of the people in the room," Catherine said. "If I wasn't in class, I listened to music, but if I was in class, I prayed in my head."

sibling act Alongside each other, siblings Connor Zunica, freshman, and Courtney Zunica, junior, perform their speech for Novice Speech Night. "When I was performing a speech, at first I was really nervous, but right after we said the first line, I lost all the nervousness because I had someone on stage with me," Courtney said.

tips for success

Allison Hemingway, sophomore, gave tips on how to perform well

1. Don't be afraid to give it your all
2. Always be open to trying something new
3. Have fun

source Allison Hemingway, sophomore

center stage Channeling her character, Allison Hemingway, sophomore, portrays Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* alongside the Chesire Cat, Rohan Chatterjee, sophomore. "My favorite part about performing was being able to become a completely different person while I was on stage," Allison said. "It was always fun interpreting different characters and figuring out how they would thought and talked."

take a s.t.a.n.d

Laurel Curran, sophomore, started the club S.T.A.N.D. to give students a place to be themselves.

"I started S.T.AN.D. to make people comfortable with being themselves and to feel safe in school. It scares me so much when I have to talk in front of the club, but it's nice to be the founder. I don't really feel like a leader here because I talk to them (members) one on one and everybody is a part of this. Everybody's equal."

Laurel Curran, sophomore

up on the cartop During the afternoon parking lot rush, Trace McCarthy, senior, sits on the roof of Travis Frank, senior's, car. "People were always in a crabby mood (getting out of the parking lot), so I tried to cheer them up," Trace said.

end of the line Filing in one by one, Charles DeCesaris, sophomore, and other members of Debate board the bus for IU Bloomington. "When we left early in the morning, everybody was either catching up on sleep or going over things for the tournament," Charles said. "On the way back, we were all crazy loud and talking to each other. We got our ballots back on the ride home, so that always caused a huge uproar of people discussing their records and judges' comments."

pack it up

band members load up the bus for State at Lucas Oil Stadium

baskets in hand, sophomores Megan Spence, Martina Trivunovic and Kelsey Lynch load the bus up with props for their color guard performance. Props included umbrellas, garden baskets and watering cans to go along with the show's garden theme. **carrying their drum cases,** Christian Markey, senior, and sophomores Clayton St. Martin and Johnathan Lemke bring their instruments to the bus to be packed up for the competition.

truckin' it Crowded around a pick-up truck, seniors Bridget Anderson, Jill Rademacher, Travis Frank, Matt Charles and Trisha Madura tailgate in the Andrean parking lot before the basketball game. "The doors opened at five, so we were just hanging out until the game," Bridget said.

bus bonding Before leaving for a soccer game, Mackenzie Portone, freshman, and Sierra Falcon, sophomore, find their seats on the bus. "Bus rides were always fun," Sierra said. "They basically consisted of us eating, laughing, gossiping, telling jokes, sleeping and singing. It was a time to relax and bond before we had to be serious on the field."

destination to destination

while it was part of their daily life, students found ways to make getting to and from places more interesting

ANGRY HONKS FILL the parking lot as students urgently try to make their way home after school. Bumper to bumper, cars slowly inch their way to the exit. Amidst all this tension and aggravation, Trace McCarthy, senior, dances on top of a car as The Black Eyed Peas' "My Humps" blasts over its stereo system.

"Most days, getting out of the parking lot took an eternity," Trace said. "People were always in a crabby mood, trying to get some other place as fast as possible. I danced on top of cars to music and blew bubbles to try to lighten up the mood."

Along with dancing atop cars and blowing bubbles, Trace also played tag between cars and partook in a fake game of tug-of-war with an imaginary rope.

For many students, getting home was something to be done as quickly as possible, and without any amusement. But Trace liked to take a different approach to the afternoon traffic rush.

"I didn't like seeing people in a crabby mood," Trace said. "So, I tried to cheer them up and make them realize they didn't have to worry and could just live a little."

major baggage Standing among a sea of luggage, Fareesa Siddiqui, junior, waits to leave for the IHSFA State Debate tournament. "For Debate meets, I had to pack the necessities like my suit, toothbrush and toothpaste, debate binders and my evidence," Fareesa said.

in transit Sitting beside each other, Brianna Dittmer, sophomore, and Kat Ivanovic, junior, travel by train to The Art Institute of Chicago for an AP Art History field trip. "Riding the train was so much more relaxed," Kat said. "It didn't feel like school at all. We paid for our tickets and then chatted the whole ride down."

face the music Acoustic guitar in hand John Pasyk, senior, and his band play for Tunes for Tots. "My band, Sudden Departure, organized a benefit in December called Tunes for Tots to raise money for the Toys for Tots Foundation," John said. "One of the reasons why I love music is because it not only reaches out to people, but it brings them together to support a great cause that helps the community. The show was really special!"

making memories Playing ships and sailors with a group member Michaella Lorenz, freshman, helped to make memories for in coming sixth graders. "I met my friend at Snowflurry, so we volunteered together because we both liked kids and thought it you be fun," Michaella said.

woman's best friend Enjoying the time they had, Tatiana Padilla, senior, played with her dog, Rocky. "Rocky was a rescue from a pound in Chicago. I could have never explain how much he meant to me," Tatiana said. "It was truly something to have a wagging tail every time I stepped through the door, he had become my best friend."

wired in Studying AP Psych, Rachel Borgo, senior, used her laptop to listen to music and communicate with others for help. "Personally, the laptops were a huge help to me. With the laptops, I had better access to a broad field of resources, including my teachers and peers," Rachel said.

students listen to a variety of music to help them relax and let go of stress

spotify top 10

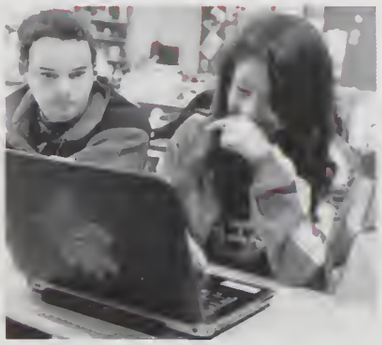
"Somebody that I used to know" Gotye feat Kimbra
"We are Young" fun.
"Call me maybe" Carly Rae Jepsen
"Some Nights" fun.
"Payphone" Maroon 5 feat Wiz Kalifa
"What Makes You Beautiful" One Direction
"Wild Ones" Flo Rida feat Sia
"Midnight City" M83
"Glad You Came" The Wanted
"Starships" Nicki Manaj

source: huffingtonpost.com

game time Card in hand, Mitchell Leslie, senior, played a game of Settlers of Catan with some friends. "Zach Cherogan (senior) told us that it was a good game, and we didn't believe him until he took it to class," Mitch said. "We played it for three weeks straight every study hall.

laptop protocals

seeing a laptop crash is a common thing, which is why certain protocols put in place



1. Restart computer and check documents
2. Write order form and issue spare
3. Send to District Technology Department

source: Mrs. Twila Marsh, librarian

getting a laugh Laughing at her computer, Maria Saucedo and boyfriend, Kyle Erminger, senior, looked for a funny site in Mr. Fortner's class. "We were just messing around because we had finished our work" Maria said, "it was just something we did to pass the time and get a good laugh in because stock tables really aren't that interesting."

draw the line Pen in hand, Brandon Johnson, sophomore, draws his version of Pikachu. "I make art to make others happy," Brandon said. "I got my inspiration from my religion, dreams and my philosophies."

a second to spare

after a day's work, students do what they love to help them unwind

COMING HOME from a long tiring day at school Chase Ginavin, freshman, picks up his guitar and strums to his new song that he wrote to wind down from the day's work. Students used hobbies to help them relax in their down time.

"Playing guitar was what I loved because it kept me busy and out of trouble," Chase Ginavin, freshman said. "I was inspired by many famous people to get involved in these hobbies."

Sports also played a part in the lifestyle of students by helping relieve stress or to help take their minds off everything.

"I used my time wisely. When it came to school, I tried to do my work in my spare time," Xavier Hofferth-Pettis, sophomore, said. "I just worked hard at whatever sport I was in."

When a job was added into the mix, it made for a busy schedule, but there was always time that could be made to help unwind for the day.

"I worked at Butterfingers, but I painted, sang, drew, played with my dog Heidi, baked and baby sat in all the free time I had, because it's what helped me relax," Lexy Carrizales, junior said.

munster staples

with new restaurants opening and old ones keeping up traditions, students always find a variety of places to eat and study with the various options around the area

old standbys

1. The Commander
2. Schoop's Hamburgers
3. Butterfingers
4. Frozen Yogurt Express
5. Giovanni's Restaurant
6. Cafe Borgia
7. Edwardo's Pizza
8. Casa Del Mar

new favorites

1. Panera Bread
2. Chipotle Mexican Grill
3. Firehouse Subs
4. Five Guys Burgers and Fries
5. Qdoba
6. Red Mango

relaxed outside, seniors Zorana Blagovich and Brian Evans enjoy lunch at Five Guys. "It was nice to have the new places in Munster because they were super close and convenient," Zorana said. **eyes on her iPhone** one last time before the bell rings, Renee Zapinski, senior, prepares for the day ahead with an iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts. "It was really convenient to go there, and their coffee is really good!" Renee said.

mix it up Blender in hand, Emma Prucha, senior, mixes a lemon buttercream frosting to top lemon cupcakes. "Decorating is my favorite part," Emma said. "I really didn't like eating them as much as I liked making them."

look out Carefully making his choice, TJ Wiess, sophomore, decides which cupcake to buy for the National Honor Society bake sale. Many clubs sold baked goods to fundraise for upcoming events. "I thought it was a good idea," TJ said. "It made more people want to buy it since it was after lunch."

foreign foods to try before you die

students are able to try foreign foods through clubs, but there are several foods across the globe to try if they get the chance

provoleta: Argentina, smoky provolone sprinkled with oregano
feijoada: Brazil, stew of beans meat and sausage, served with rice
shen jian bao: China, steamed pork bun
paani-puri: India, crispy crackers with condiments
Naples pizza: Italy, dough, rich marinara and oregano
baba ganoush: Lebanon, eggplant, vegetables, olives and leavened bread
manchego: Spain, aged sheep's milk cheese

source: forbes.com

spreading nutella onto her chocolate cake, Caitlyn Knor, freshman, celebrates Mardi Gras with the French Club. "There were a lot of French-inspired desserts," Caitlyn said. "Trying different foods opened you to new experiences." **at the day of the dead party,** Marty O'Shaughnessy, junior, chooses his piece of homemade Day of the Dead Bread. "We have always learned about food like the Day of the Dead Bread," Marty said. "It was always a fun experience to try foods that I learned about in class."

salsa time Salsa in hand, Ji Won Lee, senior, snacks on tortilla chips in class. While teachers shared varied opinions on food in class, satisfying his hunger was a top priority for Ji. "I think he understood how hungry I was," Ji said. "I needed to get those calories in the beginning of the day to help keep up my energy."

perfect pick After collecting their pizza, freshmen Ruben Shehigian and Dom Delia grab a cup of pop at a Spanish Club party. Club gatherings typically included food, sometimes of different cultures. "I liked trying different foods," Dom said. "I also got to have fun with my friends and got credit for school activities."

food for thought

from baking cakes to buying French fries, food plays an important role in students' lives

GRASPING A BAG of bright yellow frosting, Emma Prucha, sophomore, squeezes the sweet contents onto moist lemon cupcakes. Emma started baking three years ago and has been perfecting her skills ever since. Baking allowed her to relieve stress and express a different side of creativity through decorating cakes.

"Baking really relieved stress and helped me forget about things for a while," Emma said. "I got into this mode when I baked, and I just focused on that and forgot about everything around me."

Food brought people together, according to Emma. Whether it was baking or daily lunch, students were constantly surrounded by food. It played a role in social gatherings, study sessions, club parties and out-of-the-box classroom activities, giving students a fun break in the everyday monotony of school and homework.

For some students, food acted as a way to socialize with friends and family. With a new strip mall built on Calumet Ave., students had quick access to restaurants like Panera Bread, Chipotle, Firehouse Subs and Five Guys.

"They were different than the fast food we had before," Catherine Sobilo, senior. "They were also within walking distance from the school, so getting dinner before practice or clubs didn't take too much trouble."

From homemade treats to a tasty burrito, students experienced food in a variety of ways.

cupcaked Because it was Ms. Pantazis' last day at school, Beca Radbel, senior, passes out cupcakes to Mady Moyer, senior. "I thought it would be nice to make cupcakes for the class," Beca said. "I felt like it could bring people together, because I mean, who doesn't like cupcakes?"

jammin' jamba Sharing a laugh with a friend, Peyton Preboy, junior, enjoys a Jamba Juice smoothie at lunch. Smoothies were offered at lunch every once in a while to diverge from regular cafeteria meals. "It was cool because it gave a nice variety for the lunch," Peyton said. "I liked the change."

crunch time Lunches almost finished, juniors Kailee Loughlin and Morgan Kaptur catch up before the bell rings. Eating lunch provided students with time to relax between classes and talk with friends. "Lunch was a great time to take a break from a hectic day," Morgan said.

Rachel Bishop, freshman

favorite brand(s):
Converse
favorite store(s):
Rue 21 and HotTopic
favorite outfit:
band t-shirt, skinny jeans and Converse
description of style:
indie
inspiration:
Cyndi Lauper
activities:
playing guitar, writing and eating frozen yogurt

pick a size Shopping for shoes at Big N Little Shoes, Rachel defines her style. "You could judge people by their appearance," Rachel said. "If we all looked the same then you would have thought everyone was exactly alike."

Sam Rosser, sophomore

favorite brand(s):
Diamond Cute, Rude and Vans
favorite store(s):
items sold at venues from concerts
favorite outfit:
cutoff or a crewneck, snapback, band t-shirt and Toms
description of style:
hardcore or scene
inspiration:
Winston McCall from Parkway Drive
activities:
hanging out with friends and listening to music

freeze frame In the cold, Sam (right) laughs with friend Mike Rivich, sophomore. "We had the same style for the most part," Sam said. "We helped each other pick out cool shirts and pants because we had the same taste."

Fernando Jimenez, junior

favorite brand(s):
Vans
favorite store(s):
H&M, Forever 21, Topshop and Express
favorite outfit:
plain V-neck or cardigan, skinny jeans and Vans
description of style:
dancer
inspiration:
Bruno Mars
activities:
dancing and listening to music

dance time In the dance room, Fernando listens to his iPod. "Even if people made fun of you for how you dressed, like if it was feminine," Fernando said. "You showed off who you were."

state your style

students express their personal style in school and on the weekends

PINK PANTS, Purdue sweatshirts and purple hair briskly pass through the hallways. Without a uniform policy, students could express their originality through their choice in attire and accessories.

"Having uniforms in a high school setting was absolutely the worst idea any public school could have," Ashley Wenzel, senior, said. "During high school, people discovered themselves. Requiring students to wear uniforms completely shattered the encouragement to be a free thinker and the importance of making yourself stand out."

Without uniforms, students could more openly express themselves. How students presented themselves also hinted towards what type of personality they had, according to Sam Rosser, sophomore.

"Your style showed who you were as a person. It was what made you, you," Sam said. "It made you unique to who you were. The way you dressed basically said who you were. Unfortunately, the way I dressed somehow gave off the idea that I was a heavy druggie, emo, and worshiped Satan. Seriously? But that was how images worked. Once you got past what someone else thought and everyone's judgments, a whole new realm of possibilities opened up."

However, Danica Obradovic, junior, believed judgment from others benefited her personal style.

"Believe it or not I actually liked when people judged my style," Danica said. "It provided me with positive or negative feedback. I also liked when people saw me and said that they would have never thought to wear that because it made me feel creative."

However the way someone felt about themselves proved stronger than the beliefs of others, according to Mr. Peter Fatouros, guidance counselor

"What you were wearing could make you feel more confident," Mr. Fatouros, said. "But it was the person that made the clothes. Clothes should not have been the thing people were worried about."

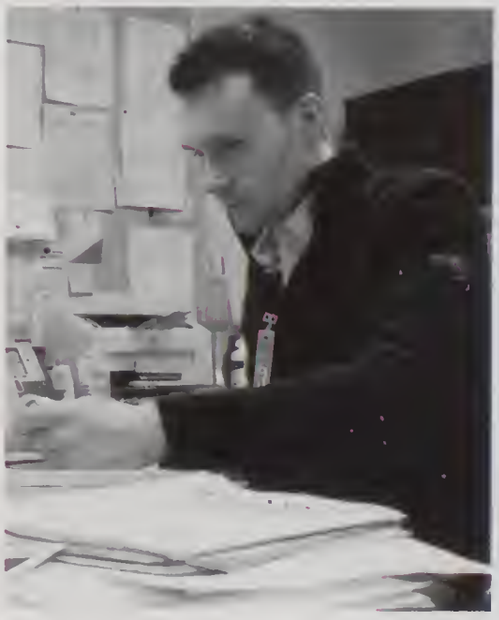
Ashley Wenzel, senior

favorite brand(s):
Free People and Ray Ban
favorite store(s):
Forever 21, Urban Outfitters, H&M and American Apparel
favorite outfit:
a skirt or a dress in a summer style
description of style:
vintage and classy
inspiration:
Lucy Hale (Aria Montgomery in Pretty Little Liars)
activities:
online shopping and keeping up with fashion on Pinterest

mirror, mirror Putting on make up, Ashley adds to her personal style. "You have to wear what you're comfortable with, but at the same time everyone should have an open mind and not be afraid to step outside of the box," Ashley said.

Mr. Peter Fatouros, guidance counselor

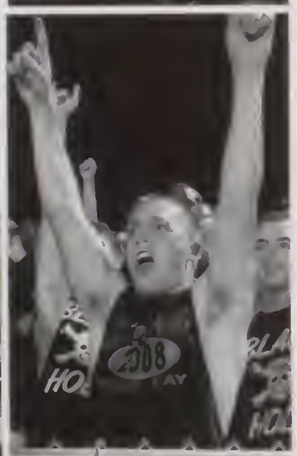
favorite brand(s):
Calvin Klein and American Eagle
favorite store(s):
Old Navy and Express
favorite outfit:
school attire consisted of nice pants with a nice shirt, outside of school attire consisted of a sweat suit with Jordans
description of style:
his own style
inspiration:
none, just whatever outfit looked good
activities:
attending concerts and boxing class



work wear Dressed in work attire, Mr. Fatouros files papers. "For me it was like my style," Mr. Fatouros said. "I picked what I like and I wore it."

ultimate fans

students kept up with the latest sport games themes on the Mustang Superfans 2013 Facebook page



in a full white out, Matt Enger, senior, falls down. "The cheerleaders were dancing, so we were imitating what they were doing," Matt said. "I felt like our part in the student section really pumped up the guys." **silent night** stood for a theme where students shirts change from white to red. "Lake Central thought we only had a white out (where students wear all white) but we changed to red so it was different," Marko Popovich, senior, said. "For Silent Night at eight points we sit down, switch clothes, and go crazy." **dressed for black out,** cheering on the crowd, Kevin O'Brien, senior, cheers on the Mustangs. "The student section got the teams pumped," Kevin said. "It allowed them to play better."

on board Substituting for the entire second semester, Mr. Nicholas Gron, math teacher, presents a lesson to his class. "I understand that it can be a challenge for students to adapt to a new teacher halfway through the school year," Mr. Gron said. "But, I tried to ensure that the adjustment would go smoothly."

hunger games Shot down with a Nerf Gun, Julia Torres, freshman, plays dead in a recreation of the *Hunger Games*. "We went out to Community Park to recreate The Hunger Games because we were all big fans of the books," Julia said. "We thought it would be really intense and cool, but instead it was just a group of kids running around hitting each other with plastic swords."

game changer

be it the loss of a crucial basketball game or the loss of a family member, students tackle their obstacles head on

MIGHTY THE MUSTANG runs around the gym. Elementary age children react with excitement and beg their parents to get a picture with Mighty The Mustang. High school students look and laugh as the mustang mimics and pokes spectators in the bleachers, and sports players noticed an added member to the team. Inside this mascot costume hid Flynn LeMonnier, junior.

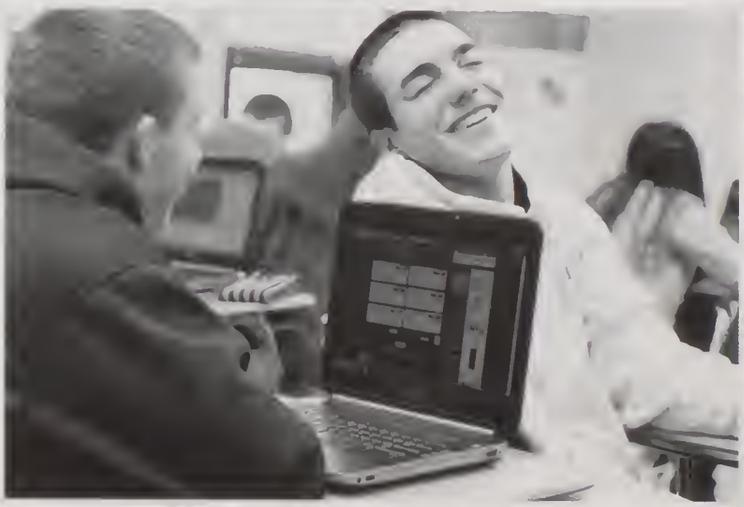
Flynn was inspired to revive the school mascot so he could feel a closer connection to his father, Dan LeMonnier, who had passed away in October. Flynn's father served as Benny the Bull for the Chicago Bulls from 1985-2002.

"I kind of wanted to do it (become the mascot) even before my dad passed away," Flynn said. "But after everything happened, I felt really disconnected with him, and I just kind of wanted to find a way to reconnect with him and kind of carry it (the mascot tradition) on."

Students reacted positively towards the mascot, according to Allison Levin, sophomore.

"I think the benefits are numerous," Allison said. "You have more school spirit, which leads to more togetherness with everyone which leads to less drama and bullying and fights. I feel the mascot just brought everyone together during the games for more school camaraderie."

free shirts Holding a homemade slingshot, Flynn LeMonnier, junior, (the mascot) slings out free shirts and wakes up the crowd. "We were launching T-shirts at the Valparaiso game," Flynn said. "The T-shirts said Mustang Prize and I was trying to get the crowd pumped. I thought the fans liked it."



study break With free time in the day, Zach Cherogan, senior, laughs as his friend, Cody Baker, senior, surfs the web in class. "You couldn't do much because of the blocks (on certain web sites)," Zach said. "But I was able to keep up with sports scores."

leader change Under new administration, DECA welcomes two new advisers, Mrs. Jennifer Radde, math teacher, and Mrs. Debbie Straka, DECA mom. "I really loved DECA," Parin Patel, senior, said. "It taught students valuable skills that they could utilize."

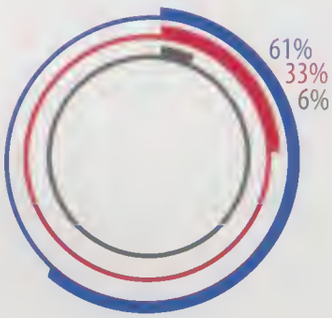
serve it up About to catch the ball, John Karamichos, freshman, takes a break between the average academic style class. "It was good to not stress about homework," John said. "It gave me a chance to learn the rules of various games I never played before."

stare down During an intense AP English Literature and Composition campaign debate, seniors Tania Cordova and Matt Mavity stand their ground. The project required groups to create political parties and manifestos, allowing them to be closer to the election. "It was a really beneficial project," Tania said. "We all gained a better understanding of the current issues that have evolved in our country."

tied up Adjusting his tie, Calvin Sanders, junior, prepares for a debate meet. Debate allowed Calvin to become closer to political issues in society. "In Congress debate, we debated things that are currently issues in the government," Calvin said. "I had to get more informed about the issues because of it, and I learned a lot."

factors of influence

as political views begin to form, several factors could influence a student's political affiliations



- Students who believed family affected political views
- Students who believed social media affected political views
- Students who believed other factors affected political views

source: survey of 471 students conducted on Oct. 24

on the issues

with several issues taken into account, students pick which is the most important in the election

economy
education
other
healthcare
war
gay marriage
abortion

= one percent

source: survey of 471 students conducted on Oct. 24

Obama vs. Romney

students vote on their favorite presidential candidate for the election of 2012

35% students for Romney

55% students for Obama

*10 percent of students voted other

source: survey of 471 students conducted on Oct. 24

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in touch with election 2012

students find ways to insert themselves in the election close to home and miles away

LOOKING OUT THE CAR WINDOW, Calvin Sanders, junior, admires Pennsylvania's beautiful landscape as he makes his way toward Washington, D.C., for President Barack Obama's second inauguration. As he arrives, he takes in the history within the city.

"Being there and seeing the history, like the library Abraham Lincoln worked in, the streets past presidents have walked, it brought everything I learned in school to life," Calvin said.

Calvin's interest in politics started when he joined the debate team. As a Congress debater, he researched topics relevant in today's society, making his awareness of government and politics more in-depth.

Politics played a large role in students lives with the Presidential Election of 2012. While President Barack Obama defended his seat to Governor Mitt Romney, many classes incorporated projects and activities to help keep students informed about issues in the upcoming election. Involvement in the election was of great importance, according to Calvin.

"At its core, voting is the power of the citizen," Calvin said. "We have a voice because we can vote, and if people weren't involved, there could be a disconnect between the people and the government."

While Calvin was under the age of 18, he felt he could contribute to the election just by being a part of the experience.

"It was a fantastic experience," Calvin said. "With my experience from being with a President I approve of, I want to go to the inauguration every time, but for any party I feel like it is my duty to support the person leading our country, it shouldn't be us versus them. That needs to be emphasized more."

who's for whom

two students share their opinions on the results of the elections and who they supported

"Well, since Obama was our past President, I assumed he would win. I mean, I don't know much about politics, but from what I do know and my parents' views, we hoped Romney would win. I'm sure Obama's plans will get us through - that's all I can hope."

Sammi Koufos, junior

"I jumped up and down a few times. I'm excited for Barack Obama and another four years!"

Daniel Riggs, senior

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Varsity Girls' Soccer
17-4
NCC 6-0

Penn 1-5
Kankakee Valley 1-0
Culver Academy 5-1
SB Adams 4-0
Portage 4-1
Northwood 2-0
Argos 3-1
Lake Central 2-0
Griffith 5-1
Valparaiso 1-2
Hobart 6-1
Michigan City 7-0
Highland 2-0
Merrillville 4-0
Andrean 2-1
Crown Point 1-3
Lowell 6-0

Post Season
Sectionals
Hammond Clark 4-0
Hammond Morton 6-0
Hammond High 9-0
Regionals
Crown Point 2-3

JV Girls' Soccer
9-2-3
NCC 4-0-1

Kankakee Valley 5-0
Hanover Central 6-0
Lake Central 0-0
Griffith 8-1
Valparaiso 1-3
Michigan City 10-0
Highland 1-1
Merrillville 5-0
Bishop Noll 8-0
Crown Point 1-1
Lowell 4-0

Girls Soccer *(front row)* Cayla Bales, Lexie Lyons, Alison Engle, Jennie Kristoff, Parin Patel, Jess Wargo, Jackie Ashley, Sylvie Kristoff, Jessica Flores *(second row)* Miranda Guerrero, Courtney Zunica, Itxel Carlos, Kailee Loughlin, Sammi Koufos, Alyssa Wojcik, Sarah Webster, Renee Rumas, Allyson Goodrich, Maria Sirounis. *(third row)* Tegan Murphy, Mackenzie Portone, Mackenzie Peirick, Rachel Tarpo, Melanie Krueger, Emily Johson, Erin Gallagher, Elizabeth Prado, Kaila Crague. *(back row)* Coach Valerie Pflum, Sierra Falcon, Shandan Johnson, Alexia Calderon, Luise Schuettler, Tannes Shmagranoff, Emily Grunewald, Brooke Newton, Dominique Schupp, Assistant Coach James Knesek, Assistant Coach Grady Willis

timeout

rarely resting while at a game, the sidelines gave players a break

after switching with another player, Itxel Carlos, junior, takes a drink of water. "I was happy that I got out and took a break. I was running a lot and playing tough," Carlos said. **with their teammates** next to them Jackie Ashley, senior, and Kailee Loughlin, junior, cheer on the team. "We just scored and I was really excited. It helped us win," Ashley said.

dealing with damage

be it torn tendons or broken bones, the girls maintained a victorious season

patiently waiting, Alison Engle, senior, rests as an athletic trainer wraps her shin splints. "It was bad. My boyfriend asked me to Homecoming that game, but my shin splints were so bad I could not get up to find him," Engle said. **preparing to prevent an injury,** Sylvie Kristoff, senior, helps Jackie Ashley, senior with stretching. "Just routine stretching. Jackie always has someone stretch her hamstrings. She knows it is critical to prevent them from cramping," Kristoff said. **next to the sidelines,** Renee Rumas, junior, watches her uninjured teammates play. "I remember how horrible it was to not be able to play," Rumas said. "I was pressuring a girl and she liked stepped on my foot and I guess it turned into a sprain."

"In order for others to believe in us, we needed to **believe in ourselves.**"

Sarah Webster, junior

WITH THE MANTRA "Do YOU Believe?" motivating them throughout the season, Varsity Girls' Soccer ended with the best record in school history.

"Basically our slogan was if we believed, we could win Sectionals and Conference in the same year," captain Parin Patel, senior said. "We believed we could have a great season."

The team won against Hammond for Conference, but lost Sectionals to Crown Point with a score of 2-3. However, Jackie Ashley, senior, felt the motto inspired the team.

"I really liked our motto because not a lot of people believed in us. Only our players and coaches did," Ashley said. "It showed we belonged on the field against Crown Point. We only lost by one point in over time."

The slogan also served as another symbol of unity for the team as they not only had another chant to yell during pep-talks, but teammates also received neon yellow t-shirts which read "Do YOU Believe?" according to captain Jess Wargo senior.

"In order for others to believe in us, we needed to believe in ourselves," Sarah Webster, junior, said. "We didn't go as far as we wanted to, but then there was just that much more inspiration for the next year. We still believe."

right foot forward Rushing past a Griffith opponent Kailee Loughlin, junior, snatches the ball. "They were known to be the dark horse (team predicted to win) in our conference," Kailee said. "We gave it all we had and put it all on the field to win that game."

eye on the ball Jess Wargo, senior, prepares for a pass. "I was probably giving it to Ally (Goodrich, junior). I like passing, making good plays, and attacking their defense," Wargo said.

tweet and retweet

when off the field, Girls' Soccer kept close with the use of Twitter

sammi koufos @sammikoufos 25 Sep
YAAY! Conference champs #lovemyteam

parin patel @Parindian 2 Oct
S/o to MHS GIRLS SOCCER! Good win tonight! Next up Morton Thursday!

kailee loughlin @kailee_loughlin 6 Oct
Two sectional champs in one day :) #ThatsHowWeDoItMunster#soccerlife

ally goodrich @ally_goodrich 10 Oct
s/o to @reneerumas for stepping on that field and playing her heart out. #iloveyousomuch #imsoproud #hedbeproudtoo<3

ally goodrich @ally_goodrich 14 Oct
"@athleteswag: When one person on your team gets sick, everyone gets sick. #athleteswagproblems cough cough @kailee_loughlin @sammikoufos

Boys' Cross Country
13-1
NCC 6-0
Crown Point 6-0
Gavit Invite 7-1
NCC Triangular 1-0
Lafayette Harrison Invite 19-S
NCC Andrean 2-0
Lowell Invite 14-1
Highland 1-0
New Prairie 23-6
Hobart 1-0
Culver Academy Invite 24-16
NCC Championship meet Lowell 5-0

Post Season
Sectionals
1st
Regionals
3rd
Semi State
7th

moment of truth Before the race starts, sophomores Emmanuel Lopez and James Murphy, Thomas Bolanowski, junior, and Steven Burgwald, senior, bow their heads and run over their racing strategies through their minds. "At the beginning of the races, I would tell myself to go out fast and get a good position," Burgwald said. "Towards the end, I would try to run past anyone in front of me in order to beat them."

Boys' Cross Country *(front row)* Russell Doctor, Scott Farley, Brian Banach, Steven Burgwald, James Murphy, Matthew Szala, Brandon Johnson *(second row)* Daniel Spencer, Zachary Brum, Timothy Chavez, Mario Hernandez, Kevin Fuhs, Tyler Keslin *(back row)* Coach Aaron Brown, Theodore Burgwald, Emmanuel Lopez, Thomas Bolanowski, Ryan Kritzer, Luke Heritage, Coach Rick Sluder

each runner prepared for a race in his own way, some of which may suprise their classmates

on your marks

1. "I have to shave the day of the meet."
2. "Before meets I like to listen to classical music."
3. "I eat chocolate pudding."
4. "I pray and make sure I double-knot my shoes."

a. **Brian Banach, sophomore**
b. **James Murphy, sophomore**
c. **Steven Burgwald, senior**
d. **Thomas Bolanowski, junior**

answers: c, a, d, b

Coach Aaron Brown gave the team different warmups to help prepare for meets

work it out

- 2-3 laps around the track
- neck, arm, and leg stretches
- run 2.5 miles home after a meet
- repeat 400 m sprints
- 10 mile long distance runs

source: Brian Banach, sophomore

during the warm-up, James Murphy, sophomore, stretches his legs and works his muscles before he starts running. "I think it (warm-ups) helped because you wanted to make sure you used the muscles you would be using, so when the real thing started, you were ready to go." **in their daily practice,** the boys performed jumping jacks along with other exercises. "They gave us exercises that some would regard as crazy, but they help out in the end," Brian Banach, sophomore, said.

carb count

the team held various pasta parties before each meet as a way of gaining carbs and energy for the next day

- spaghetti - 39.7 g carbs
- macaroni and cheese- 39.7 g carbs
- bowtie - 42.0 g carbs
- angel hair - 38 g carbs
- lasagna - 39 g carbs
- rigatoni - 42.9 g carbs
- penne - 42.9 g carbs

source. Steven Burgwald, senior, and fatsecret.com

at one of the many pasta parties, captain Steven Burgwald, senior, scoops some food along with his teammates. "If you ask anybody on the team, pretty much everyone will say that the pasta parties were one of their favorite parts about cross country," Burgwald said. "They (pasta parties) definitely brought the team together, and I think it was the main reason for why we were so close with each other." **laughing along with each other,** sophomores Brian Banach and Brandon Johnson enjoy the company of their team at the pasta party. "My favorite part about the pasta parties was the food and hanging out with my teammates," Johnson said. The team held pasta parties the night before every meet which served as a way to bond with each other.

"Running is ninety percent mental. You need to trust that the workouts are putting you in a position to **keep getting better.**"

Steven Burgwald, senior

DRIPPING IN SWEAT, Brian Banach, sophomore, crosses the finish line after running five kilometers. When he learns his time, his exhaustion transforms into elation.

"When I PRed (personal record) in races, it really brightened my day," Banach said. "It made the trip to the meet worthwhile."

It took more than just running fast during a race. Confidence and persistence were key to reaching the quickest time possible.

"Running is ninety percent mental," captain Steven Burgwald, senior, said. "You needed to be confident in the training, and you needed to trust that the workouts were putting you in a position to keep getting better. You had to be mentally strong to not give up during a race because if you gave up for even the shortest amount of time in the race, you wouldn't PR."

Six out of the seven varsity members set a personal record at the Conference meet in Lowell, proving to be the team's most successful meet.

"In the Conference regular season, we went undefeated, but we knew our arch-rival Hobart was going to be very competitive," James Murphy, sophomore, said. "It was great to win, and I ran my best time of the season in that race."

aim to win Running towards the finish line, Tommy Bolanowski, junior, aims to set a personal record. "Getting a PR felt great because you knew you went out there and gave it everything and improved," Bolanowski said. "It showed that your hard work was paying off, and it showed that if you kept working hard, you could improve more."

come together With teammates surrounding him, Scott Farley, sophomore, mentally prepares for the race ahead. "The support of my team helped me a lot," Farley said. "I tried to never let my team down, so I always pushed myself, and when they were cheering me on, it gave me more motivation to keep going in a race."

Varsity Girls' Golf
8-2
NCC 6-0
Valpo invite 7th
Lake Central Inv. 4th
Griffith 5th
Kankakee Valley Inv. 6th
New Prarie Inv. 4th
Hobart 189-219
Lowell/Crown Point 203-233-175
Andrean/Kankakee Valley 194-244
Merrillville 198-232
Lake Central/Highland 186-186-226
NCC 2nd
Hanover Central 201-189
Chesterton 205-162
Valparaiso 198-180
Bishop Noll/Highland 194-inc-224

Post Season
Sectionals 3rd
Regionals 10th

golf clubs

golfers use a variety of clubs during matches for different purposes

driver: least lofted club, employed to hit the farthest
iron: used 200 yards or fewer from the green, varying loft
sand wedge: used to escape bunkers or tall grass
pitching wedge: when the ball is 130 yards from the green
wood: strike the ball and make it fly high, most loft of any club
putter: rolls the ball along the green into the hole, used the most

source: golftips.golfsmith.com

pick a club Taking a break from the match, Hailey Estes, senior, contemplates which club she should use for her next shot.

Girls' Golf *(front row)* Morgan Kaptur, Revati Kalluri, Peyton Puckett, Sydney Puckett, Rohini Kalluri *(back row)* Coach Bill Smitka, Jill Osterhus, Hailey Estes, Beckey Seligman, Natalie Velluntini, Rachel Jones, Coach Jacob Argenta

fuzzy friend

personalizing it with cute characters, Jill Osterhus, junior, gives her golf bag a unique twist

"Beckey got me started when she bought me a hedgepig. They aren't very lucky because I lose them all the time, but the characters are more fun and make my bag my own."

Jill Osterhus, junior

tiger out Waiting for the match to start, Jill Osterhus, junior, stands aside her golf bag decorated with stuffed animals.

driving force Looking ahead, Beckey Seligman, junior, and Rachel Jones, sophomore, focus on their drive. The drive required concentration in order to get the optimum amount of distance on the fairway. "When I went up to the tee box of the next hole, I always tried to clear my mind of any shots I made that day, good or bad," Seligman said. While Seligman focused on clearing your head, Jones focused on strategy. "The driving range helped me prepare and stratigize," Jones said. "I did my best to get the ball in the middle of the fairway." Practicing their drive on the driving range was important because the drive covered yardage, according to Seligman. "Hitting the ball where you want it was often the difference between a good and a bad lie for your next shot."

line up After finding out their pairs, Rachel Jones, sophomore, Jill Osterhus, junior, Hailey Estes, senior, and Beckey Seligman, junior, walk to the first tee. They laugh and Joke around to settle any nerves that were there. Even joking they are still focused on what is ahead.

last shot Focused on the hole, Hailey Estes, senior, makes her last shot of the match. "I made sure to keep my head still," Estes said. "I also had to make sure that I kept my putter going in a straight line."

"Spending so much time together without drama in the group was what helped us **become so close.**"

Hailey Estes, senior

STANDING AT THE MOUND, Rachel Jones, sophomore, gets ready to start the match. She is nervous, but she feels the support of her teammates behind her. It is silent as she take her swing. She raises her club in the air and makes contact with the ball, sending it flying through the air. Her teammates clap and congratulate her. All her pressure is gone for the moment.

"Having the teammates behind me made me less nervous to start the match because we all joked around before and had fun," Jones said.

Along with giving the girls a steady support system, a smaller team also provided other benefits.

"They got to play with each other more regardless of their skill levels, where this wouldn't happen if it were a football team," Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, said.

Bonding played a large role in the season. The team saw each other almost every day at practices, but also spent time together outside of golf.

"We had movie nights as much as we could," Hailey Estes, senior, said. "Spending so much time together without drama in the group was what helped us become so close."

Boys' Tennis *(front row)* Aaron Handler, Nathan Kondamuri, Michael Kitchell, Taha Qureshi, Jack Heiniger, Kelan Harish, Alex Wisniewski, Colin Richter, Rathnam Venkat, Arlo Detmer *(second row)* Ronak Tilva, Matt Charles, Timothy Wiess, Andrew Dorn, Steven Rakich, Michael Rivich, Roshan Tilva, Shivram Chandramouli, Flynn LeMonnier, Akah Shah, Vince Pacatang, *(third row)* Jenson Huang, Ben Marcus, Mark Levitan, Patrick Toth, Marty O'saughnessy, Steven Nowaczyk, Andy Chen, Chetan Chavah, Sai Sripad Kodukula, Trey DeLuna *(last row)* Collin Sharpe, Patrick Spohr, Steve Lopez, Tony Kanavos, Sid Rothstein, Austin Klawitter

serves up To serve, the ball needs to go on the opposite side of the center line on the opposing court. "I always think of where i need to place the ball so it can be effective," Michael Kitchell, senior said.

dynamic duo

working with one another to complete the task, these duo's progress to succeed as a team.

changing doubles partners, Alex Wisnewski, sophomore and Aaron Handler, senior, play together for the first time. "That match we had great chemistry together which helped us progress through the season," Wisnewski said. **striving to improve from their last encounter with Crown Point,** Aaron Handler, senior and Arlo Detmer, freshman, high five to keep up their positive energy. "Arlo (Detmer, freshman) and I lost to this team a week before Regionals, so we were pumped to play them that day," Aaron Handler, senior said.

Varsity Boys' Tennis 18-3

NCC 6-0

Lake Central 5-0
Valparaiso- 4-1
Lowell 5-0
North Central Invite 1st place
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 5-0
Penn 4-1
Culver Academy 2-3
Merrillville 5-0
Hobart 5-0
Lafayette Jefferson Invite 1st place
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Chesterton 5-0
Cantebury 1-4
Crown Point 4-1

Post Season

Sectionals
Highland 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Regional
Hammond Morton 4-1
Crown Point 5-0
Semi State
Carmel 0-5

supporting Huddled together, the fab five watches one of their teammates, Nathan Kondamuri compete against Chesterton on senior night.

up and over Before his serve, Jack Heiniger, senior, tries to get the game off to a good start. "Before the serve I was thinking about strategy of the point and learning from each point before of what works and what doesn't work against this particular opponent," Heiniger said.

senior appreciation

senior night, the night when all team members gather for senior recognition.

as the end of their final season approached, the seniors wanted to give Coach something special. "We were signing a thank you for coach on senior night because we were one of his biggest varsity teams." **showing his team spirit,** Vince Pacatang, senior, gives Nathan Kondamuri, senior, a ride on his back. "It was a special day because we just beat Chesterton and it was a good win. This shows how close the seniors are on the team," Pacatang said. **receiving his senior-wear,** Coach Lopez and Taha Qureshi hug. "I love Mr. Lopez," Qureshi said. "He's the greatest coach in the world and this embrace shows it."

"We're basically all friends, we hang out all the time, the guys on the team are **my best friends.**"

Jack Heiniger, senior

THE FAB FIVE, seniors, Jack Heiniger, Michael Kitchell, Nathan Kondamuri, Taha Qureshi and Kelan Harish, spend their last season on the Boys' Varsity Tennis Team bonding and making every game count.

"We were much more of a close-knit team than all the other teams," Nathan Kondamuri, senior said. "We were like a family."

Throughout the years, the players became closer as they spent more time together and less time apart.

"Freshman year, we weren't all friends. I was only friends with one of them," Heiniger said. "Sophomore year, there were 4 sophomores on Varsity, and we became better friends, and junior year, we were all Varsity, and now we are all best friends."

The seniors spent their last year on the team bonding like a family with each other and the coach.

"They (the seniors) made the experience extremely rewarding and memorable for me," Coach Steven Lopez, history teacher, said. "Most of them played varsity for three years, so watching them grow up and mature into young men was a great experience and it kind of showed how the program affected them and how they affected me. They're almost like another group of sons to me."

"We had come together, and we **came to win.**"
Mariana Rogers, senior

ACROSS THE REFLECTIVE court, Andrean's red and yellow uniforms stare back at the girls' volleyball team. It's round two against the rivaled team. In the first game against them this season, the girls won 3-0, but now playing on enemy territory, the excitement on the court increases.

"Andrean was really good at volleyball, but we knew we wanted to win," captain Mariana Rogers, senior, said. "We had the momentum to beat Andrean. Andrean, I would say, was definitely our rival and a tough team to beat."

That feeling of competition drove the girls' to a victory of 3-0 for a second time. The matches against Andrean "felt close" but the team "definitely had control of the game the majority of the time," according to Coach Tracy Summers, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher.

Despite possible challenges, captain Nadia Radowick, senior, felt confident in the team's ability.

"Andrean is always really competitive and always a rival, but they weren't as much of powerhouses this year because of the loss of last year's seniors," Radowick said. "It really took the edge off the game."

However, the girls still had to bring themselves together to win the game.

"Throughout the game it was challenging, but we pulled it off," Rogers said. "We had to come together, and we came to win!"

The win against the rivaled team pushed the girls further into the season in good spirits. The victory served as a high point in the road to conference, according to Coach Summers.

"It was special because we knew we were that much closer to a conference championship," Coach Summers said.

raising spirits Hand in the air, Coach Tracy Summers, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, gives the girls a pregame peptalk. The speeches put the girls in the necessary state of mind for a game. "Before the game our coach liked to remind us of the game plan and give us some motivational speeches," Emily Kaniewski, junior, said.

up in the air Mid-jump, Elizabeth Kloos, junior, spikes the ball over the net. "In volleyball, there was always something going on and you always had a job to be doing," Kloos said. "It's such a fast-moving game that you don't have time to think about anything else!"

helping hands
through fundraisers and activities, the team showed support for their team by volunteering their time.

surrounding the money and candy supply, freshmen Arielle Crowe, Mega Dafiaghor, and Chloe Zatorski work the concession stand. The freshmen team had to volunteer during the Varsity games. "It was good [to help out my team]," Crowe said. "I'm glad that the freshmen will have to do it when I'm older."

hose in hand, Blaire Barnett, sophomore, scrubs the side of a car for the team's car wash fundraiser. The car wash helped the team, but the girls still enjoyed the experience. "The highlight of the car wash was messing around and just having fun spraying everyone."

grin on her face, Shannon Farrell, junior, shoots a smile in the side view mirror. Down time during the car wash allowed for team bonding. "It was at the beginning of the season, and that was when we all got to know each other better," Farrell said.

victory cry After a play in the match against Andrean, the team gathers around capitan Maddie Moyer, senior, to celebrate. The girls beat Andrean at the home game 3-0. "Beating Andrean both times we played them was an amazing feeling," Moyer said. "We all were so proud."

holding on After a successful play, Toni Dallecarbonare, sophomore, and Amber Caldwell, junior, exchange high-fives. The girls shared a bond with each other both on and off the court. "Our team was a mix of different grades, but we all got together really well," Caldwell said.

JV Volleyball 16-6

Crown Point 0-3
Valparaiso 0-3
Lake Central 1-3
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Marian Catholic
Hobart 2-0
Michigan City Invit. 0-2
Highland 2-0
Kankanee Valley 2-0
Chesteron2-0
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 3-0
Wheeler 3-0
Portage 3-2
Andrean 3-1
Morton 3-0
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Calumet Christan 3-0

JV Volleyball *(front row)* Maureen Doherty, Mary Margaret Maloney, Blaire Barnett, Kaitlyn Battista, Danielle Hladek *(second row)* Coach Janet Wories, Rachel Jamrose, Quinn Harris, Sarah Smolinski, Mady Parcell, Coach Tracy Summers *(back row)* Jordan Cole, Mady Athey, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Alex Sullivan, Amanda Mooney

Freshmen Volleyball *(front row)* Serena Patel, Eudora Negri, Haley Collison, Chloe Zatorski, Lauren Adams *(second row)* Coach Jill Kaniewski, Arielle Crowe, Kylee McVicker, Mega Dafiaghor, Allison Hajduch, Megan Zabrecky, Cecilia Zavala *back row)* Coach Janet Wories, Emma Trivunovic, Alexa Olsen, Coach Tracy Summers

Varsity Volleyball 28-8 NCC 12-0

Crown Point 0-3
Valparaiso 0-3
Lake Central 1-3
Griffith 3-0
Illiana 2-0
Queen of Peace 2-0
Mt. Assisi 2-0
Illiana 2-0
Chicago Christian 2-0
Lowell 3-0
Andrean 3-0
Marian Catholic 0-2
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Kanakee Valley 3-1
Fort Wayne Carroll 0-2
Elkhart Memorial 2-0
Lafayette Jefferson 2-0
Bloomington North 2-0
Chesterton 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 3-0
Wheeler 3-2
Portage 3-1
Andrean 3-0
Morton 3-0
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
McCutcheon 2-0
LaPorte 1 2
Concordia 0-2
Bishop Dwenger 2-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Calumet Christian 3-0

Post Season

Sectionals
Lowell 3-0
Lake Central 2-3

Freshmen Volleyball 22-5

Crown Point 2-3
Valpo 3-0
Lake Central 0-2
Valparaiso 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Marian 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Crown Point 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Valparaiso 1-2
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Chesterton 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-1
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Portage 2-1
Andrean 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
LaPorte 2-0
Lake Central 1-2
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0

killing it

motivated by an important cause, the team continues to participate in Kills For Cancer

cheers erupt from a sea of pink in the stadium as yet another kill is made, signifying more money towards a great cause. This tradition started with Dig Pink, a game centered around raising money for breast cancer. Since then, the team has expanded to fundraising for all types of cancer foundations with their participation in Kills for Cancer. With every kill the team made on the court, donators pledged money to give to the cause. The girls raised a total of over $4,000, according to captain Nadia Radowick, senior. "Kills of Cancer became such a big thing for volleyball to be a part of," Radowick, senior, said.

source: Nadia Radowick, senior

switch up On the court, Morgan Switalla, junior, plays at the Dig Pink volleyball game. For one night, the players traded in their typical uniform for a pink tshirt that showed their support for the cause.

Varsity Volleyball *(front row)* Coach Jill Kaniewski, Mariana Rogers, Amber Caldwell *(second row)* Maddie Moyer, Coach Tracy Summers, Shannon Farrell *(third row)* Elizabeth Kloos, Victoria Foster, Nadia Radowick *(back row)* Emily Kaniewski, Toni Dallecarbonare, Coach Janet Wories, Morgan Switalla, Rachel Markowicz

Varsity Boys' Soccer
12-1-5
NCC 4-1
Portage 4-1
Lowell 11-1
Kankakee Valley 3-1
Bishop Noll 2-2
Crown Point 0-6
Chesterton 1-0
Griffith 3-0
Merrillville 2-0
Hobart 6-0
Highland S-0
Lake Central S-0
Brownsburg 0-3
Andrean 2-3
Valparaiso 0-2

Post Season
Sectionals
East Chicago 5-1
Morton 7-0
Clark 1-1/SO 4-1

Regionals
Valparaiso 2-2/
SO 2-3

Varsity Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Bradley Sikora, Josh Shalen, Nick Cossyleon, Nick Brant, Alex Sikora, Drake Bowers, Evan Shmagranoff, Arturo Ortiz, Peter Panos, Xavier Hofferth-Pettis *(second row)* Coach TJ DeJiollo, Max Lawson, Alex Courtney, Niko Karagan, Ricky Delgado, Evan Kattan, Nik Mandic, Jake Wojcik, Kevin Schlotman, Yago Perala Vincente *(back row)* Coach Niko Culic, Demitri Georgalas, Daniel Riggs, Alo Morado, Doug Yokovich, Dan Green, Coach Jim Prasopolous

JV Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Michael Portone, Emmanuel Campos, Brandon Winter, Mark Montella, Xavier Hofferth Pettis, Jeff Stoll, Mladjan Jankovic, Harris Kouklakis, Brett Kaufmann *(second row)* Brad Sikora, Coach Niko Culic, Sean Pruzin, James Eaton, Chris Wolak, Dean Svolos, Clay Arnold, Coach Jim Prasopolous, Coach TJ DeJiollo *(back row)* Demetri Kounelis, Yiorgo Karnezis, Nik Kajmakoski, Thibault Aktay, Stevan Djuric, Austin Andello, Jack Arnold

bring it in!

united by their goals and their drive to win, the team treated one another as brothers

celebrating sweet victory, seniors Drake Bowers (3) and Evan Kattan (1) congratulate each other as they defend their Sectional title. "It was great because it was something that Evan and I had talked about since freshman year," Bowers said. "It also meant a lot to have the Sectionals streak." **huddled up,** seniors Evan Kattan (1), Evan Shmagranoff (22), Nick Cossyleon (3), Daniel Riggs (16), and Alex Sikora (10), and Demitri Georgalas (6), junior, share words of encouragement before the shoot out that would decide the Sectional Champions. "It was so important to us to win," Riggs said. "We had just had a three-in-a-row loss, so we had to shake it off and win Sectionals."

secret handshake As he runs down the line, Daniel Riggs (16), senior, shares a smile and a high-five with each of his teammates. "The line-up at the beginning of each game was the biggest pump-up time for me," Riggs said. "During the national anthem, I would always imagine how the game would play out, and of course, I always want to score a goal or make an assist, but right before the game, I would think about how it's not just for me, and I play for the whole team."

in bounds Saving the ball from going out of bounds, Nick Brant (7), senior, puts up the fight at the Regionals game against Valparaiso. "We had to play a really aggressive game because their defense was pretty good," Brant said. "I felt like I had to bring my all to help the team." The team lost to the first round of Regionals to Valparaiso in penalty kicks.

"After everything that had happened, it was kind of like I had come **full circle** with that goal."

Alex Sikora, senior

THE FIVE BOYS stood in a huddle. The final round of Sectionals had just ended 2-2 against Clark, forcing the game into a shootout. Demitri Georgalas, junior, and seniors Nick Cossyleon and Evan Shmagranoff had made their goals, and goalie Evan Kattan, senior, had blocked two of the opponent's shots. Making the next shot would mean winning the game. Fourth in the line was Alex Sikora, senior.

"Making the shot was one of the best moments ever," Sikora said. "The other four were behind me, and when I scored, they all ran up to me, and the rest of the team and all the fans ran onto the field to celebrate with us. I'll never forget that."

Winning this game not only meant reclaiming their title of Sectional Champions for the eleventh time, but also keeping the highest Sectional winning streak in the state alive. For Sikora, the win meant something more.

"It meant so much to me to play. This was the anniversary game of my leg injury," Sikora said. "Last year (during sectionals), I dislocated my knee five minutes in. I don't even remember how. They couldn't give me medicine because I didn't have a pulse in my leg. I got carried off the field on a stretcher. I went to the hospital in an ambulance, and it turned out that I tore three ligaments, including my ACL. It sucked because I didn't get to celebrate the victory with my team. Because of the injury, I wasn't even sure I'd get to play this year. After everything that had happened, it was kind of like I had come full circle with that goal. It was a huge accomplishment for the team, and I love that I got to be part of that this time."

number one All smiles, seniors Alex Sikora (10) and Daniel Riggs (16), and Demitri Georgalas (6), junior, celebrate the Sectionals win. "It was really awesome winning Sectionals because we had our State record and we had just come back from losing Conference," Sikora said.

stretching boundaries Determined to steal the ball from a Valporaiso player at Regionals, Santiago Perala Vincente (44), junior, reaches for the ball. "I wanted to take the ball because it was important to win," Perala said. "A lot of people said I played dirty with soccer, but to me, it was the most important thing to win. Also, I am very tall, so I could put my feet out like that."

hoots and hollers Arms in the air and cheers at full volume, seniors Alex Sikora (10), Daniel Riggs (16), Evan Shmagranoff (22), and Nick Cossyleon (3), and Demitri Georgalas (6), junior, cheer on Evan Kattan, senior, as he blocks Clark's penalty shots in the final round of Sectionals. "I was going to be last to go," Riggs said. "So I was really nervous and I wanted each of the guys to make their shots and I wanted Evan to block as many as possible."

after the race

following their race, runners find ways to pass the time until awards

side by side, Ellie Dorn, sophomore, and Emily McNicholas, junior, listen to music during downtime at Sectionals. "There was some downtime before awards at meets," Dorn said. "So, I usually listened to music or spent time with the team." **with a smile on her face,** Bianca Bohling, senior, cheers along with Emily Wierman and Claire Svoboda, freshmen, and Kaitlyn Bohling, junior, for her teammates as they are awarded. "Our runners did really well," Bohling said. "I was very proud of our team."

scavenger hunt

the team runs checkpoint to checkpoint on a town-wide scavenger hunt

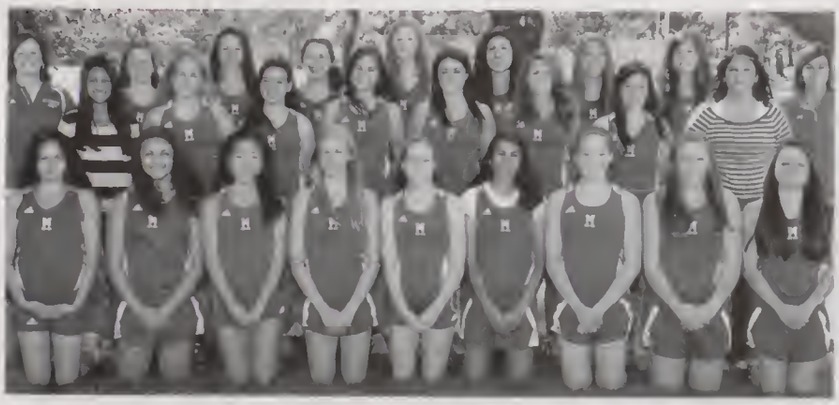
overcome with joy, Emily McNicholas, junior, is awarded a first place medal at the hasehall portion of the scavenger hunt. "The scavenger hunt was always really fun for us," McNicholas said. "It was a great bonding experience for the team and also gave us runners a chance to try other sports." **dressed in warm layers,** the Girls' Cross Country team poses for a picture at the football field before the scavenger hunt. "That day was really cold," Anna Stookshury, junior, said. "It was one of the first cold practices of the year, so we had to dress warmly." **softball in hand,** Claire Svoboda, freshman, aims for a teammate to throw to. "Softball was really fun," Svoboda said. "It was a little hard because the bat was so small, hut the scavenger hunt itself was so much fun. We got to run around Munster and do fun games Coach Duffy planned."

run for her

the mantra "run for her" motivates the team throughout the season and inspires a t-shirt design

"The main line of the quote was 'remember that little girl who ran that perfect first race, run for her'. It basically explained why we ran. There were so many different reasons, but during the race sometimes you would forget why you were doing it and that was when you needed to remember that you were not just running for a team, for friends, to win, but you were also running for yourself."

Colleen Ogren, senior



Girls' Cross Country *(first row)* Bianca Bohling, Maya Montoya, Emma Hong, Maggie Anderson, Erin Harvath, Ayesha Khan, Mykaela Burton, Kaitlyn Bohling. Casey Griffin *(second row)* Prabhneet Girn. Elaine Zmuda, Caroline Beckman, Kathleen Gonzales, Colleen Ogren, Rebecca Karnezis, Elizabeth Beckman, Suzana Rodriguez *(back row)* Coach Michelle Duffy, Emily McNicholas, Emily Wierman, Brittany Barajas, Ellie Dorn, Anna Stooksbury, Claire Svoboda, Cassidy Schwartz, Coach Kyleen Nolan

Girls' Cross Country
69-90
NCC 3-3
Crown Point 3rd
Gavit Invite 4th
Griffith/ Lowell 1st
Harrison Invite 17th
Andrean/KV 3rd
Lowell Invite 4th
Highland 1st
New Prairie Invite 17th
Hobart 2nd
Culver Invite 29th
NCC 1st
Post Season
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 4th
Semistate 16th

to the finish Eyes on the finish line, Colleen Ogren, senior, nears the end of her race at Sectionals. "Nearing the finish I just wanted to get a decent place to help the team's overall score," Ogren said.

"Sometimes I got **crazy laugh attacks,** so I was dubbed the princess of laughter."
Emma Hong, senior

A PACK OF PRINCESSES dressed in bright pink tutus, sparkling tiaras and feather boas jog down Columbia Avenue. A few of these royal runners are sporting 'Munster Girls' Cross Country' shirts. It is Princess Day, the final day of the team's spirit week for Conference, and they are just beginning their run.

"It was interesting to see the looks you got," Elaine Zmuda, junior, said. "It was funny when you heard little kids who were getting out of school saying things like, 'I didn't know it was Halloween today!'"

Ending spirit week, Princess Day was a day for the runners to dress up in their best princess attire and have a nice, easy practice, according to Zmuda. On this day, the runners also honored the seniors by crowning each of them queens and bestowing upon them a name that highlighted a quirky trait or characteristic.

"Sometimes I got crazy laugh attacks," Emma Hong, senior, said. "So, I was dubbed the princess of laughter."

Along with Princess Day, the team also had Hunter/Animal Day, Twin Day, Ninja Day and Swimsuit Day. Hunter/Animal Day involved the seniors dressing up like hunters and chasing the others as part of the workout. Twin Day consisted of each runner pairing up with a teammate and planning their costumes to match accordingly. On Ninja Day the girls dressed up as ninjas, and on Swimsuit Day they wore their swimsuits over their running attire. Swimsuit Day fell on a Wicked Wednesday, which called for a more rigorous workout at a golf course, according to Erin Harvath, sophomore.

"Princess Day and Spirit Week as a whole definitely helped us get ready for Conference," Hong said. "It boosted our spirits and our excitement."

all smiles In her poofy dress and sparkly tiara, Emma Hong, senior, laughs while stretching on Princess Day during Spirit Week. On Princess Day each senior was crowned queen and given a royal title based on a quirky trait or characteristic.

Varsity Football
2-8
NCC 1-5
Lake Central 0-40
Chesterton 17-42
Highland 26-6
Andrean 15-30
Morton 21-7
Griffith 25-27
Hobart 21-23
Lowell 21-36
Kankakee Valley 21-31
Post Season
Merrillville 20-28

Junior Varsity Football
7-2
NCC 5-0
Lake Central 14-20
Chesterton 20-31
Highland 56-6
Andrean 16-14
Morton50-26
Griffith 36-6
Hobart 41-6
Lowell 34-7
Kankakee Valley 48-6

Freshman Football
7-2
NCC 2-1
Lake Central 14-33
Chesterton 21-14
Highland 21-0
Andrean 24-30
Morton 40-8
Griffith 20-16
Hobart 16-14
Lowell 7-33
Kankakee Valley 48-20

Varsity Football *(front row)* Adam Ostoich, Zack Pickett, Travis Frank, Seth Gutwein, Jacob Helmer, Nick Milkovich, Trace McCarthy, Matt Childs, David Osbourne *(second row)* Patrick Burke, Dillon Pierie, Anthony Conroyd, Steven Malloy, Dom Lucito, Nick Fromm, Austin Etter, Kyle Hansen, CJ Scott, Alec Roquena *(third row)* Ernest Carter, Zac Rinehart, Dylan DeYoung, Kye Traier, Connor McShea, Cody Baker, Scott Shaner, Anthony Giannini, John Hulsey *(fourth row)* Nick Powell, Joe Kmak, Zack Eisman, Zach Cherogan, Nick Marlow, Paul DeRolf, Lawrence Gaines, Alex Crowe, Sam Helmer, Corey Williams *(fifth row)* Jordan Dixon, Zack Kennedy Marko Popovich Chris McSmith, Casey Terry, Niko Ingoglia, Kyle Wilkenson, Ethan Witting, Marcello Urbanowicz, Amber Kimbrough Adam Pluard (fifth row) Tom Sowinski, Jim Fostor, Elliott Maul, Eric Swingler, Samb Singh, Ryan Wilkens, Alex Collison, Joe Jonston Tyler Steapleton, Randy Nava *(sixth row)* Ashley Sprinkles, Casey Gouwens, Dana Owens, Ethan Baker, Jordan Lay, Jamal Jenkins, Richard Parra, Natalia Kotz, Brenda Yepez *(back row)* Coach Joe Helmer, Coach Keith Madderom, Coach Jeff Dixon, Coach Jason Gruenwald, Coach Morgan Nolan, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Leroy Mars, Coach Jay Chrustowski, Coach Bob Frankowiak, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Jon Doherty

Freshman Football *(front row)* Anthony Skiba, Tyler Etter, Yiergo Karniezs, Trevor Brooks, Kyle Palermo, Ryan Larimer, Dominic Giannini *(second row)* Alex Mis, Greg Scherzinger, Jeff Proctor, Sam Plate, Joesph Kennedy, Tim Krajci *(third row)* Aaron Welch, Patrick Marsh, Christian Eloisa, David Paunicka, Sean Wagner, Miles Barilla, Jack Warren, Cameron O'Brien *(back row)* Jordan Cistola, Coach Ryan Gardner, Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Josh Herold, Zachary Kall

look out Ready to throw, Trace McCarthy (11), senior, looks down the field for a teammate. "When I was on the field, I was thinking about how the defense was reacting to the play, and then I adjusted accordingly," McCarthy said, "whether it was throwing to a guy who wasn't covered or changing the play."

down low Hands at the ready, Scott Shaner (37), senior, prepares to catch the ball. "On the field, you didn't think about anything," Shaner said. "It was just instincts. Having all those practices helped you trust yourself; your mind and body worked together."

helping hand Helping a friend, Zach Cherogan (44), senior, assists Ernest Carter, senior, adjust his tangled jersey. "I was just being a good friend," Cherogan said. "We've been with each other for so long. We have each other's back no matter what. That bond doesn't go away."

quenched Water bottle in hand, Sam Helmer (55), junior, drinks water during a time out. Staying hydrated was key for the players, according to Helmer. "If you didn't stay hydrated, you could cramp up really bad, and that was not very fun."

knee down Diving to the ground, Ernest Carter, senior, tries to keep hold of the ball in the game against Morton. "I just wanted to pick up more yards before my knee went down," Carter said. "That game was great. It was our first win and we proved to everyone that we could win." Munster defeated Morton 21-7.

eat it up

after long after school practices, the varsity football team bonds over large quantities of food before games

- 20 lbs ground beef
- 20 lbs Italian beef
- meatballs
- macaroni and cheese
- salad
- mosticolli
- bread
- ice cream and cookies

source: Tracey Giannini, football mom

food for thought Engaged in conversation, Marko Popovich, senior, eats a meal after practice. "It wasn't just the food. It was the experience being with my friends," Popovich said.

seth stats

running back seth gutwien, sophomore, breaks out with an outstanding first season

631 rushing yards
5.01 yards per carry
126 rushing number
11 touchdowns

carry on With the ball in his hands, Seth Gutwien, sophomore, runs down the field. "I sometimes felt like I would let my team down, but the seniors just told me to play my game and not worry," Gutwien said.

source: maxpreps.com

"They are like my brothers; I can count on them for anything."

Trace McCarthy, senior

AFTER LOCKING HIS CAR, quarterback Trace McCarthy, senior, steps into the crisp air conditioning of Munster Gyros on a sweltering August afternoon. He makes his way to the register, ordering his usual hamburger, fries, and a water.

"Nick [Marlow, senior], Zach [Cherogan, senior], Ethan [Witting, senior] and I started going in eighth grade," McCarthy said. "We went before every game from then on. We became regulars."

Going to Munster Gyros was only one of the myriad of ways the team stayed close. Together, the team would have movie nights, sleep overs, eat out and watch other football games together. The closeness the team shared provided benefits on the field, according to McCarthy.

"It was easy to relate to one another," McCarthy said. "We knew each other's tendencies. In certain situations, we would know what someone would do before it happened."

This bond helped the team remember highlights of the season. From keeping the Bridge in the Battle of the Bridges and beating foe Morton to attending camp at Franklin College, the closeness of the team made the year more fun, according to McCarthy.

As their season came to a close, the boys carried their bond beyond the field, allowing them to remain close friends outside of football.

"A lot of us are still really close," McCarthy said. "They are like my brothers; I can count on them for anything, on and off the field."

Varsity Girls' Basketball
6-15
NCC 0-6
Chesterton 47-61
Crown Point 39-36
Bowman Academy S8-43
Tippecanoe 45-74
Knox 50-57
Lake Central 27-45
Hobart 33-52
Lowell 29-58
Calumet 43-24
Gary West 25-48
Griffith 32-47
Merrillville 23-65
Andrean 46-57
Mishawaka 28-65
Morton 44-37
Kankakee Valley 46-70
East Chicago 47-44
Highland 44-50
Portage 41-54
Hammond 60-23
East Chicago 44-56

JV Girls' Basketball
10-7
NCC 4-2
Chesterton 22-40
Andrean 24-33
Crown Point 29-35
Bowman Academy 3S-8
Lake Central 27-46
Hobart 27-36
Lowell 16-14
West Side 28-13
Griffith 26-8
Calumet 46-S
Merrillville 14-26
Mishawaka 30-40
Morton 37-2
Kankakee Valley 26-19
Highland 31-20
East Chicago 38-28
Portage 35-16

Freshmen Girls' Basketball
6-5
Hobart 29-16
Lake Central 21-39
Bishop Noll 30-8
Highland 28-14
Hanover Central 31-33
Kankakee Valley 33-38
Hanover Central 22-11
Hobart 22-31
Portage 31-22
Crown Point 28-37
Highland 29-14

Freshman Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Bri' Ana Hudson, Kristen Davidson, Jill Ylo, Dominique Schupp *(back row)* Coach Matt Backs, Abigail Kapitan, Madelynn Moore, Dara Medina, Coach Richard Sluder

JV Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Juliann Watson, Dominique Schupp, Megan Wilkens, Taylor Mihalic, Samantha Buvala *(second row)* Melissa McCann, Megan Zabrecky, Madelynn Moore, Miranda Mihalic, Maria Sirounis *(back row)* Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Coach Patric Spohr, Coach Matthew Backs

Varsity Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Juliann Watson, Natalie Vellutini, Anika Gasich, Samantha Buvala, Maria Sirounis *(second row)* Bernadette Grabowski, Alyssa Wojcik, Megan Zabrecky, Miranda Mihalic, Melissa McCann, Jennifer Allen, Jordan Cole *(back row)* Coach Michael Mikolajczyk, Coach Patric Spohr, Coach Matthew Backs, Coach Richard Sluder

jump in the air About to make a shot, Miranda Mihalic (25), sophomore, tries her best to win. "During a game, I would think of what I should do if the ball comes to me or near me," Mihalic said. "When I shot a basket, it made me feel more confident and made me want to shoot more."

senior night

three seniors who led the Varsity team through their season reflect back on their year

"Being a senior was really an honor. I loved leading the girls, pushing them harder in practice, and encouraging them to do better. I felt that it was such a privilege to lead the mustangs."- **Jen Allen**

"Every day I would show the younger girls that it would take time and effort to become a good basketball player and to never give up on something they are not good at."-**Bernie Grabowski**

"I tried to push and motivate the younger girls to give it their all. I was truly pleased with how hard my teammates worked, in spite of all the injuries and negative that happened."-**Anika Gasich**

facing injuries After just tearing her ACL, Anika Gasich (32), senior, copes with the fact of not being able to play basketball for the rest of the season. "It was really hard for me to watch from the sidelines," Gasich said. "I have never missed a school basketball game prior to my injury. I always wanted to be on the court playing."

on the sidelines Sitting with some other teammates, Maria Sirounis (22), freshman, watches the game. She was one of the freshman players on Varsity. "Being a freshman on Varsity was thrilling," Sirounis said. "Playing was a little nerve-racking in the beginning of the season, but after a couple of games, it was exciting."

"This season, the girls were winners, despite our record."
Coach Matthew Backs

WITH A TEAM FULL OF NEW MEMBERS, the girls worked tirelessly throughout the season, without letting anything get in the way of bringing them down.

"I think we did really well at keeping our spirits up and cheering each other on," Jordan Cole (21) said. "Even though we weren't really doing that great, we always played through it."

Supporting each other and keeping positive allowed the girls to remain in high spirits throughout the season.

"We stayed really positive even though our season was not going well," Bernadette Grabowski (23), senior, said. "We motivated each other all the time, and we had the faith that we could win any game if we wanted to."

Keeping up with their attitude, the girls still played to win.

"This season the girls were winners, despite our record," Coach Matthew Backs, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, said. "Their attitude and effort was top notch, and the girls never quit all season. They never gave up and showed character and heart all season long."

Through movie nights and a bowling night, the girls were able to solidify their bond off the court.

"My favorite part of this season was hanging out with the team," Cole said. "We always had movie nights and we had a bowling night, so it was nice getting to know everybody more."

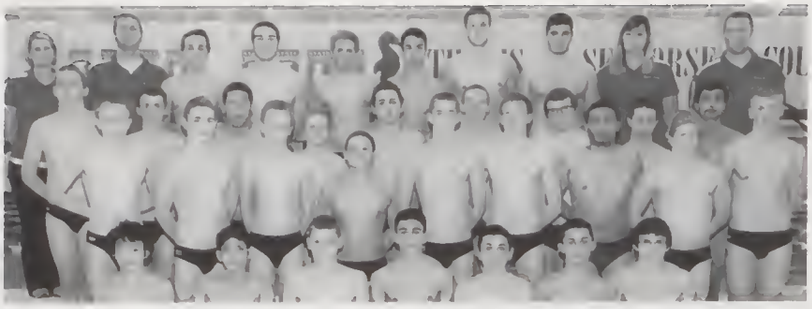
put your hands up After scoring another point, Jennifer Allen (11), senior, high-fives her teammate Alyssa Wojcik (24), junior. "My team stayed pretty positive throughout the season, so having someone always laughing and trying to make it better lightened the mood after losses," Allen said. "The encouragement and support of the girls really kept the team going. "

huddle up In a huddle, Samantha Buvala (5), freshman, listens to the seniors' advice. "The seniors would tell us to stay positive and not get frustrated during the game," Buvala said. "They told the underclassmen to just go out there and play and not let anything bring us down."

in the zone Focusing on the game, Jennifer Allen (11), senior, dribbles the ball away from her opponent. "During a game, I really didn't think. I just did," Allen said. "I've been playing for so long, so I knew what to do with the ball when I get it. I knew the plays, and my body just did them."

stretch it out During practice, Bernadette Grabowski (23), stretches her legs before she gets out on the court. "Practices helped for games because you worked on things and reviewed what game-like situations would be like," Grabowski said.

steal it for the win Trying to steal the ball, Natalie Vellutini (20), sophomore, uses the help from Alyssa Wojcik (24), junior, Jordan Cole (21), sophomore, and Jen Allen (11), senior. "I relied on my teammates so much, because basketball is completely a team sport," Vellutini said. "Without them, there would be no game. My teammates and I have to work together every game and everyday at practice to be as successful as possible."



Boys' Swimming and Diving *(front row)* Andy Gao, Aditya Mishra, Steven Nowaczyk, Zack Simic, Fred Beckman, Julian Lagunas, David Palacios *(second row)* Chris Snyder, Wilson Beckman, Collin Sroge, Jeremy Gonzalez, Joey Gardner, Seth Weston, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Nick Lundin, Logan Armagast *(third row)* Alec Thompson, Jake Comanse, Andres Bendolla, Jimmy Perino, Demetri Delis, Matt Specht, Daniel Straka, Chris Rhodes, Sammy Odtallah *(back row)* Coach Cassandra Smith, Coach Matt Pavlovich, Sean Cloghessy, Zach Cherogan, Max Lundin, Miles Gunty, Brandon Armagast, Nick Simic, Coach Cara Briggs, Coach Rod Smith

fluid motion Swimming backstroke, Logan Armagast, freshman, approaches the finish. Flags above the lanes signaled the swimmer to begin their count to the wall.

get rowdy Splashing around, the team celebrates their Sectional Championship title. This 28th win broke the State record for consecutive Sectional wins, according to Captain Joey Gardner, sophomore. "We had victory t-shirts prepared to wear at the end of the meet," Gardner said. "We all jumped into the pool and celebrated as a tradition that we did every year."

chow down

rigorous swim practices work up an appetite; swimmers reveal their food preferences for the day

morning of the meet:
- pancakes

after school:
- Jimmy John's or Subway sandwiches

during the meet:
- grapes
- Cheez-Its or other crackers
- pasta

source: sophomores Alec Thompson and Captain Joey Gardner

digging in Amongst the plates of food, freshmen Andy Gao and Aditya Mishra fill their plates after a swim meet. The boys looked forward to food for refueling after swimming.

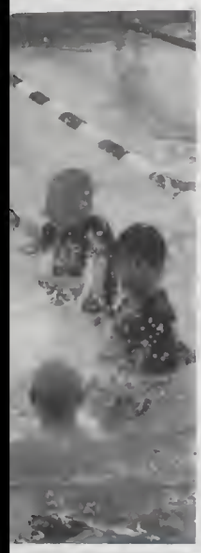
pride and glory Holding up their newest award, seniors Brandon Armagast and Max Lundin admire the Confrence Championship plaque after their victory. This marked the 35th consecutive time that the team won. "(After we won), it was a feeling of awe that we led our team to another victory," Lundin said.

against the clock In the middle of a lap, Chris Rhodes, junior, swims freestyle at Sectionals. "I was honored to swim freestyle at Sectionals; just to be able to take part in it was amazing itself," Rhodes said. "During the race, I thought about anything but the race itself. I was advised to think of something calming."

Varsity Boys' Swimming
13-3
NCC 5-0

Penn 83-102
Griffith 145-29
Munster Relays 1st
Kankakee Valley 142-44
Valparaiso 116-70
Lowell 139-45
HSE Holiday Splash 4th
S.B. Riley 125-61
Highland Inv. 1st
Merrillville 142-44
Hobart 124-58
Lake Central JV 122-56
Highland 133-53
Lake Central Varsity 118-68
Chesterton 55-131
NCC 1st

Post Season
Sectionals 1st
State 21st



bond of brothers Arm slung around Wilson Beckman, sophomore, Demetri Delis, junior, stands with his friend along the sidelines. "If I had to describe my team in four words, it would be 'bonded together like glue," Beckman said. "We were all super-close bros."

up for air Taking a deep breath, Captain Matt Specht, junior, swims breaststroke during a meet. "I tried to go the fastest I could to get a best time every time I swam," Specht said. "I tried not to think during my race and just go all out for the whole race and see what happens."

line up Ready and in position, Brandon Armagast, senior, waits for his event to begin. "Before I dove into the pool I thought about my technique in diving off the blocks," Armagast said. "After that, I tried to clear everything else out of my head and just focus on moving my arms quickly and going as fast as I possibly could."

"It was our motto that rung throughout the season. 'Twenty-eight' was the motivating factor that **kept us going**."

Max Lundin, senior

TENSIONS ARE HIGH amongst the Boys' Swimming and Diving Team at the Crown Point Sectional Finals. With a clear win uncertain after squeaking by on previous events, Coach Rod Smith, elementary school teacher, tallies the team's current score. A season of hard work and determination has lead up to this day. Now the boys will know if their goal—consecutive 28-year Sectional Champions—remains feasible.

"We asked Wilson (Beckman, sophomore) what he thought because he knows everything about swimming, but even he wasn't sure," Max Lundin, senior, said. "But then Rod told us that as long as the relay (200 Yard Medley Relay) didn't get worse than seventh place, we'd win."

Since 1985, the boys had brought home the Sectional first place trophy. With such a long streak to uphold, the team centered itself on post season and designated "28" as their ultimate goal. The boys could even be heard chanting "28" after major victories, according to Lundin.

"It was our motto that rung throughout the season," Lundin said. "'Twenty-eight' was the motivating factor that kept us going."

Despite not winning the 200 Yard Relay, placing fourth in the event gave the team enough points to snag their coveted Sectional title. The victory broke the state record for consecutive Sectional wins. Upon the announcement of the win, the team celebrated their victory with a jump in the pool.

"It was such a relief when our team won Sectionals and kept the streak going, especially to me as a captain," Captain Matt Specht, junior, said. "It was a combination of happiness and just being proud of our team."

get ready Lined up, Maggie Gerber, sophomore, watches the game to cheer on the basketball team. "We were all lined up to cheer on the on the players," Gerber said. "I just kept thinking about how exciting the game would be."

show time Getting ready to preform a lyrical routine Jackie Dye, freshman, talks to her teammates. "We were getting ready to go on and were all pretty excited to show our jazz dance," Dye said.

"The team was together so much that we were no longer teammates, **but friends."**

Julianne Rice, sophomore

POMS IN HAND, the Dance team prepares to take the floor and dance. Some of the girls are nervous and go to their "big sisters" for advice before they go on.

The dance team had "big sisters," according to Julianne Rice, sophomore, where the girls were paired up with a "sister" who would look after and help them through out the season as they practiced and competed.

"The upperclassmen had an underclassmen little sister, and they really watched you and gave you constructive criticism," Rice said. "They were there for you 100 percent and made you feel welcomed on the team."

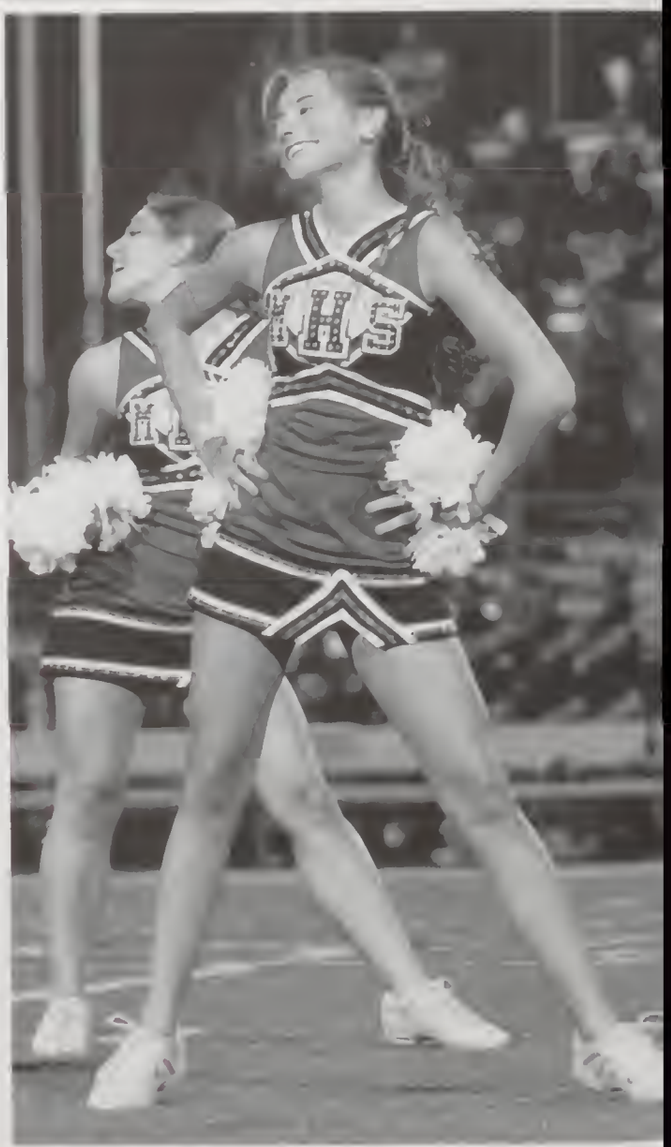
With so many hours together, the big sister and little sister relationship had a chance to grow.

"The team was together so much that we were no longer teammates, but friends," Rice said. "We had created a friendship over all the time spent together."

"We were a very close team, especially because we spent ten months together at practices, games and competitions," Captain Sarah Sharpe, junior, said.

With time flying by at practices, the team had not realized how long they had been working as they learned different techniques and routines.

"There would be some days where we went ten hours," Rice said. "Then six hours next, and it was really tiring, but it was what brought us together as a team."



on the field Hands on her hips, Catherine Tavitas, sophomore, dances at half time with teammates. "That was my favorite dance to perform at the football games," Tavitas said. "It was really fun and everyone loved doing that dance."

hands up Hands in the air, Jackie Dye, freshman, dances to the beat. "This was one of my favorite parts of the dance because of how the music changed which made the routine even more exciting," Dye said.

as one As they do the splits mid-air, seniors Jessica Ivetich, Shelinda Jones, juniors Gina Catania, Sarah Sharpe, Leksi Gasisch, sophomore Jane Sannito and freshman Caitlyn Baker prefrom one of their pom routines. "This dance was a favorite and always fun to perform as a group," Catania said.

the little things

judges look for particular aspects in a routine to win state

1 **perfect hair**
2 **the right facial expression**
3 **perfect song**
4 **the right costume**
5 **the best moves**

source: Julianne Rice, sophomore

up in the air, Jessica Ivetich, senior stays in sync with the team while making the right face for their pom routine. **pressure-free while dancing,** Julianne Rice, sophomore, enjoys the no competition environment. "At games there was never any pressure because we were just dancing for fun and not to win," Rice said. "So the only thing I was worried about was impressing the crowd and having a good time."

Varsity Dance *(front row)* Maddie Kasper, Shelinda Jones, Jessica Ivetich, Mackenzie Kasper *(second row)* Leksi Gasich, Morgan Kaptur, Gina Catania, Sarah Sharpe, Jackie Dye (*back row*) Jane Sannito, Meredith Simmons, Caitlin Baker, Calli Chafin, Catherine Tavitas, Julianne Rice

JV Dance *(front row)* Kaitlyn Costello, Lilly Hasler, Maggie Gerber, Dylan Goodman *(second row)* Katie Wiening, Lindsay Bermingham, Maria Kyriakos, Amanda Forde, Mia Castro (*back row*) Anna Bilse, Gianna Fotopoulos, Emily Whitaker, Jordan Grinstead

"Five pounds was a whole lot different when you were giving it **your all** for six minutes."
Zach Slosser, junior

TYPICALLY, THE TEENAGE MALE DIET doesn't involve cutting meals or meticulous calorie counting, but for wrestlers, getting into the lowest weight class was top priority. Not an ounce of any food or drink, including water, went unnoticed.

"Monday through Thursday every night I had a water bottle and a Smart One dinner," Zach Slosser, junior, said. "On Friday I didn't eat or drink anything after practice."

With temptations everywhere, refusing food proved to be a challenge, according to Slosser.

"The sacrifice was hard at the beginning, but as usual, when your body started doing the same thing every weekend, your body just got used to it," Slosser said.

Though outsiders might have doubted the importance of cutting a couple of pounds, many of the boys strictly followed their diets. For some, being in a lower weight class meant a better chance at victory.

"People might not notice it, but five pounds was a whole lot different when you were giving it your all for six minutes," Slosser said.

After the season was over, the wrestlers took full advantage of being able to eat whatever they wanted.

"I went out to Boston's and got some mozzarella sticks, chicken alfredo and some apple pie," Slosser said. "And before that I had Panda Express."

on the sidelines
in between matches, wrestlers can be found doing a variety of things

trail mix in hand, Adam Bogs, senior, spends his down time eating a snack. Snacks helped wrestlers stay energized during meets. "I always had snacks at wrestling meets," Bogs said. "It varied from guy to guy, but for me, it went Gatorade, fruit mix with banana chips, Arnold Palmer, peanut butter and jelly and jello with fruit in it." **stretching out,** Johnny Nauracy, senior, gets ready for his match. Because of his past injury, Nauracy took precautions by stretching in between matches. "I tore my shoulder last year, and I thought it could have been avoided by stretching better, so I stretched for about 15 minutes before I wrestled," Nauracy said.

locked in In position, Jordan Saez, freshman, runs through drills with his partner. The boys constantly tried to improve their technique through their practices and drills.

final countdown As the referee counts the seconds, Johnny Nauracy, senior, holds down a competitor. Wrestlers tried to hold a pin for as long as possible to earn the highest number of points.

Wrestling
4-14
NCC 4-1
Kankakee Valley 21-49
Portage 0-79
Chesterton 9-70
McCutcheon 33-36
Elkhart 15-45
Andrean 60-24
Plymouth Inv. 0-5
Traicoff Inv. 2-4
Lake Central 12-76
Concord 44-36
Michigan City 78-6
LaPorte 26-52
Griffith 18-58
Highland 60-18
Al Smith Inv. 24th
Lake County 6th

Post Season
Conference 5th
Sectionals 4th

Boys' Wrestling *(front row)* Zachary Suggs, Connor Zunica, Adam Kulam, Zach Eismin *(second row)* Coach Dan Gelarden, Eric Svboda, Jordan Saez, Tim Kurachi, Ryan Glasen, Nick Milkovich, Jeremy Serenowski, Joe Kennedy, Coach Bobby Joe Maldanado, Coach Daniel Johnson *(back row)* Adam Bogs, Zach Slosser, Dylan Deyoung, Reggie Mckenny, Joe Kmak, Doug Dowd, Johnny Nauracy, Tim Weiser

practice makes perfect working on their techniques, the boys practice to better themselves

in their stances, Nick Milkovich, senior, and Joe Kmak, junior, practice with each other. The wrestlers would practice every day for about two and a half hours, according to Kmak. "We had a meet almost every Saturday and matches during the week," Kmak said. "It was important to practice to get better and win matches."**on the floor,** Adam Bogs, senior and Zach Slosser, junior, practice take downs."Adam and I practiced everyday with each other," Slosser said. "We were great partners together, and we would correct each other and still drill hard."

sweet revenge Hand in the air, Zach Slosser, junior, finishes off Regionals with a win. "When I won the match, it was a sense of relief and excitement because that kid had beat me in the County Championship and the Semifinals of Conference," Slosser said. "So when I beat him at Regionals I knew it was my time to shine and show everyone who I was."

"The meet was very close the whole time and we didn't have room **to mess around.**"

Allison Cunningham, sophomore

FOUR POINTS. Munster was four points behind Lake Central as they went into the final event of Sectionals, the 400 Freestyle Relay. Third place. Munster needed to place 3rd in the relay in order to win and continue its Sectionals winning streak. Two points. Munster came in first, defending their Sectional title. It was a difference of two points.

"It was really intense going into the last relay," Taylor Merkel, sophomore said. "Lake Central was beating us by four points, so we had to beat them to remain Sectional champs."

The 400 Free Relay consisted of sophomores Allison Cunningham and Nicole Smith, and juniors Ashley Hwang and captain Mary Beth Blocher. The team pulled through and placed 3rd in the event. If the team had received 4th, then Munster would have tied with Lake Central, according to Allison.

"The meet was very close the whole time, and we didn't have room to mess around," Allison said. "The pressure affected me in a good way though. It gave me more energy to swim even faster."

Pressure turned into success, according to Audrey Mayer, sophomore.

"Everyone was really happy and excited," Audrey said. "We were jumping around and screaming. It was good knowing we won."

prize winners Sectional trophy in hand, the team smiles. "I was nervous by the end of the meet because we were so close," Jenny Tassaro, senior, said. "I wasn't sure if we would have won, but I was glad we did end up winning, and I was glad we finished on a good note."

line up Swimming in sync, Mary Bridget Baeza, sophomore, leads the line during practice. "It was very important that we worked really hard," Mary Bridget said. "The hard work all paid off in the end."

jump and dive Between the board and the water, Valerie Niemiec, junior, practices her dives. "When in mid-air for a dive, I felt weightless," Valerie said. "I had been in tumbling for years, but the feeling off a diving board when flipping or diving was completely different. I felt as if everything else around me stopped."

pool prep Outside of the pool, divers stretch. "It was really important to be limber in diving because you had to get really deep pikes," Emily Anderson, junior, said. "Being limber helped you be tighter, and go faster for flips."

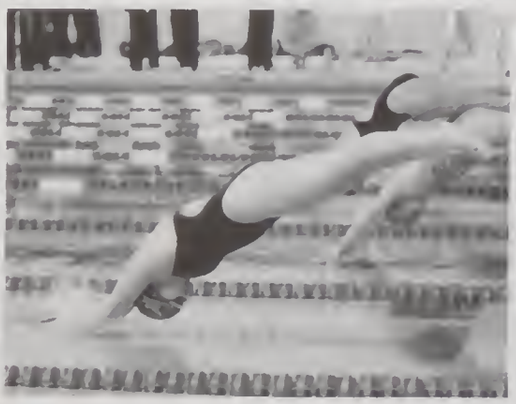
learn pavlovian

writing on the sets, Coach Matt Pavlovich uses acronyms, creating a new language the girls called "Pavlovian"

DKOB = dolphin kick on back
UNDKOB = underwater dolphin kick on back
DKOBWAAS = dolphin kick on back with arms at side
RAOWOAAOS-BESTDA = right arm only with other arm at opposite side - breathing every stroke toward down arm

source: Bridget Caraher, freshman

Girls Swimming *(front row)* Mia Torres, Pam Muangmingsuk, Hannah Dempsey, Danielle Conger, Charlene Cortez, Morgan Lagestee, Brigid McGinty, Bridget Caraher, Ishani Sharma. *(second row)* Kelly Russell, Lauren Russell, Allison Cunningham, Audrey Mayer, Mary Bridget Baeza, Nicole Smith, Erin Harvath, Taylor Merkel, Sydney Kawalec. *(third row)* Taylor Brant, Heather Hemingway, Emily Anderson, Valerie Niemiec, Ashley Hwang, Emily Lagestee, Laine Sroge, Mary Beth Blocher, Gina Saez, Carly Kennedy *(back row)* Coach Cara Briggs, Coach Cassandra Smith, Rachel Spencer, Emily Wimmer, Stevi Briggs, Rachel Chen, Bianca Bohling, Jenny Tassaro, Arielle Martin, Coach Matt Pavlovich, Coach Jelena Gober



Varsity Girls' Swimming
9-5
NCC 5-0
Penn 78-100
Hobart 146-35
Crown Point 96-90
Griffith 148-32
Kankakee Valley 140-46
Valparaiso 129-57
Lowell 139-47
HSE Invite 3rd Place
Merrillville 151-35
Highland Invite 2nd Place
Lake Central 94-92
Chesterton 73.5-112.5
Sectionals 1st Place
State 8th Place

circle up In the middle of a cheer, teammates encourage others. "Whenever it was a really big meet, the coach and leaders always gave us a big speech," Emily Lagestee, junior, said. "It was a good pep talk that said we could win, and the biggest thing was that we had fun and cheered on our teammates."

head start Ready for take-off, Allison Cunningham, sophomore, prepares to start her relay. "I was really nervous," Allison said. "I was always so nervous before I swam because it got my adrenaline going. Once I hit the water, the nerves went away, and I would not think of anything else besides swimming as fast as I could."

leap of faith Hands just touching the water, Laine Sroge, junior, starts her event. "I just took off as fast as possible," Laine, said. "I needed to have a tight stream line."

"We were all in it for the **team,** not the individual."

Michael Schlotman, senior

WALKING OUT of the Michigan City gymnasium, the Varsity Boys' Basketball team fell silent. After losing a hard-fought battle against Region rival, Merrillville, the boys recalled their undefeated season together, sad that it came to such a short end.

"I was really sad," Michael Schlotman, senior, said. "I realized it was my last ever high school game. I didn't think we would lose."

However, despite the first round Regionals loss, the team completed their regular season undefeated and number one in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Associateion for the first time in two years, according to Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher.

"Overall, it was a very, very enjoyable season," Coach Hackett said. "They had great team chemistry, and every day we had fun."

Through intense practices every day after school, the boys were able to create a game that enhanced the team chemistry on the court, contributing to the season's success, according to Schlotman.

"We didn't have any egos on the team," Schlotman said. "We were all in it for the team, not for the individual."

Though they lost Regionals, the team successfully completed their goals of winning the Conference Title and Sectional Championship.

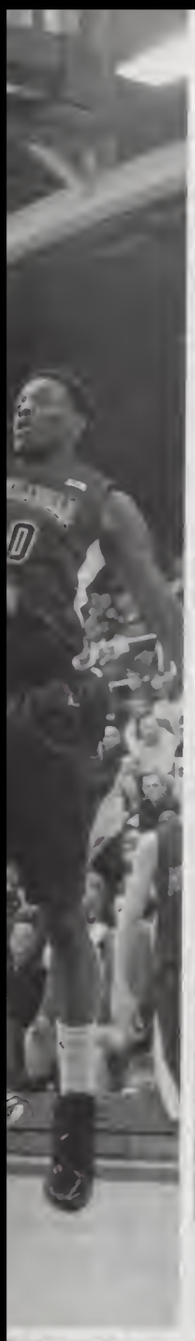
jump shot In the air, Nate Bubash, senior, goes for a layup durning the Regional game. "Knowing it could have been our last game," Bubash said. "I tried to make all of my shots count." The team lost to Merrillville in Regionals, 52 to 55.

down low Ball in hands, Michael Schlotman, senior, looks for a teammate open on the court during a Sectional game. "I just wanted to win and keep advancing through the tournament," Schlotman said. "As a team we set high goals, so we worked hard in practice every day to accomplish them."

main attraction In camouflage, the Varsity Boys' Basketball team runs onto the court before the National Guard-sponsored game against Lowell begins. "I tried to set good example by working hard, keeping a positive attitude and having a lot of fun," Nate Bubash, senior, said.

keep away Yelling out loud, Drew Hackett, sophomore, tries to keep the ball away from Hammond players. "I was going for a layup," Hackett said. "I just had to know if I made a mistake to just put it behind me and move on."

run for it Running down the court in the game against South Bend Riley, Luke Wuchenich, junior, takes the ball to the basket to try to score. "You just had to try your best to make the right move," Wuchenich said. "If you didn't, you just had to keep moving forward and keep playing."



Varsity Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Steven Herndon, Sam Toth, Adam Ostoich, Cody Gryzbowski, Craig Dedelow, Nate Bubash, Michael Schlotman, Patrick McCarthy, Luke Wuchenich, Drew Hackett *(back row)* Mr. John Doherty, Coach Jack Cudniff, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Gregg Lucksich, Coach Bojan Jovanovic

JV Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Austin Eiland, Matt Childs, Ethan Baker, Adam Ostoich, Niko Mandic, Coach Jake Argenta, Ben Wanicki, Andrew Getting, Kevin Schlotman, Mike Hayes, Jimmy Delis

Freshman Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Trevon Hawkins, Conner Manas, Anthony Skiba, Antoine Van Dyke, Niko Vasquez, Danny Wieklinski, Coach Jack Cudniff, Coach Bojan Jovannvic, Chris Wolak, Austin Yasko, Chase Ginaven, Luke Hackett, Luke Pillarella, Eric Pickard

history in the making

the boys' basketball program has a long-standing tradition of making histoy

- In the six years since the Northwest Crossroads Conference was established, the Varsity Boys' Basketball hasn't lost a Conference game.

- Michael Schlotman, senior, is the third Munster High School player to be named an Indiana All-Star player, the highest honor in high school basketball

sectional champs

for the fourth year in a row, the Varsity Boys' Basketball team wins the Sectional Championship

up in arms, Adam Ostoich, sophomore, celebrates the Sectional Championship victory with his cnusin,. "It was awesome winning and having my family there," Ostoich said. "I liked having the family support."

after winning sectionals, Drew Hackett, sophomore, cuts a piece of the net to remember the game. The team won Sectinnals for the fourth year in a row, making this Hackett's second championship.

holding the first place trophy, seniors Michael Schlotman, Nate Bubash and Craig Dedelow pose for pictures after the win. "We surprised a lot of people," Schlotman said. "Winning showed how hard Craig, Nate and I worked over the summer and throughout high school."

block it Defending himself from an East Chicago player, Craig Dedelow, senior, holds strong for the first round of Sectionals. "I had to focus one game at a time," Dedelow said. "I just thought about it as if it would be my last game and left everything on the court. I'm really proud of everyone that stepped up for us."

let's get it started Huddled and chanting before a game, the Varsity Boys' Basketball team pump each other up. "The seniors especially got us ready," Drew Hackett, sophomore said. "They were the best leaders and teammates. It will be really different when they're gone. We'll miss them."

Varsity Boys' Basketball
25-1
NCC 6-0

Gavit 75-64
Hammond High 58-30
Morton 52-35
East Chicago 47-29
Penn 57-56
Lake Central 67-57
Fort Wayne Tourney
1st Place
Kankakee Valley 65-29
Highland 55-38
Chesterton 58-54
Michigan City 56-42
Hobart 60-29
Lowell 58-48
Valparaiso 57-38
Griffith 54-32
Merrillville 61-49
Gary West 47-39
Andrean 52-50
South Bend Riley 46-36

Post Season
East Chicago 55-45
Gary West Side 62-46
Lake Central 43-41
Merrillville 52-55

JV Boys' Basketball
19-1
NCC 6-0

Gavit 60-26
Hammond High 48-31
Morton 47-26
East Chicago 38-34
Penn 36-39
Lake Central 33-25
Fort Wayne Tourney
1st Place
Kankakee Valley 54-25
Highland 39-24
Chesterton
Michigan City 59-25
Hobart 40-27
Lowell
Valparaiso
Griffith
Merrillville
Gary West
Andrean
South Bend Riley

Freshman Boys' Basketball
20-0
NCC 6-0

Lowell 57-22
Highland 49-12
Hammond Clark 67-14
Hammond Morton 59-16
Kankakee Valley 69-34
Hobart 52-31
Crown Point 45-27
Portage 41-24
Calumet 43-25
Chesterton 52-45
Lake Central 40-25
Bishop Noll 45-33
Griffith 38-12
Hammond 37-32
East Chicago 42-34
Andrean 48-28
Lake Central 39-37
Crown Point 48-22
Merrillville 47-29
Valparaiso 30-19

thick and thin the cheerleaders felt connected to the basketball team through their wins and losses

struggling to keep spirits high, seniors Nicole Delia, Angela Jones and Olivia Wagner watch as Merrilville shoots the game-winning basket at the Regional game. "It was really upsetting to see them lose," Jones said. "It was their year to win State, so it was hard to see it end early."**amidst a crowd of superfans,** seniors Emily Mis and Erica Tuley celebrate after the Boys' Basketball team won Sectionals, keeping up their undefeated season. "I felt like since we were at every game, I felt really proud when they won," Mis said.

turnabout? Letters in their hands, Jamie Whiting, junior, and Erica Tuley, senior, help Sarah Sharpe, junior, ask her boyfriend to Turnabout. "Even though she was a dancer, we wanted to help her because she's friends with a lot of us," Whiting said.

say it with me Arms high in the air, the cheerleaders lead the Supefan section in a cheer at the Boys' Basketball Regional game. "If the student section was really full, the Superfans would follow us when we did cheers," Angela Jones, senior, said.

"It made the big moments worth it."
Angela Jones, senior

IN THE FALL, they went to every football game. In the spring, they went to every basketball game. The cheerleaders were the some of the most dedicated Superfans. Home or away, they cheered on their team through victories and losses.

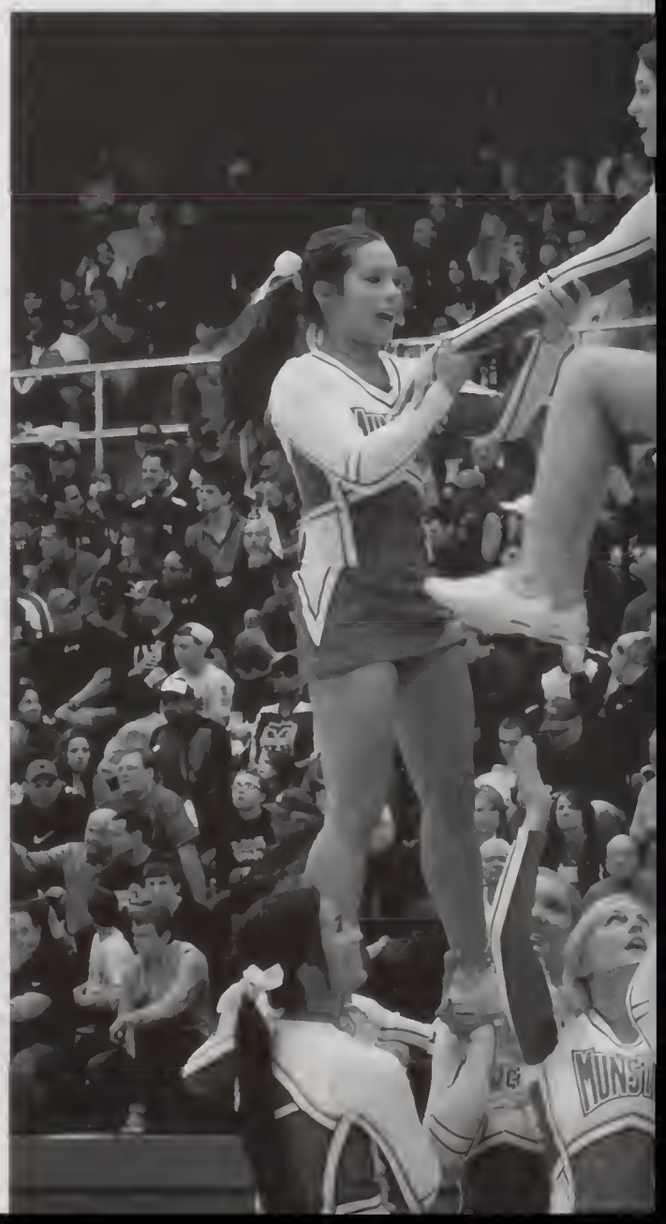
"It was a huge commitment because we would have to go to each game to cheer," Angela Jones, senior, said. "But it made the big moments worth it. We got to be there throughout their (Football and Boys' Basketball teams) journey as they made it through the season."

In addition to the classic Mustang fight song cheer, the cheerleaders came up with many of their own stunts, and they chanted and cheered with the Superfans in the student section, according to Ashley Suda, senior.

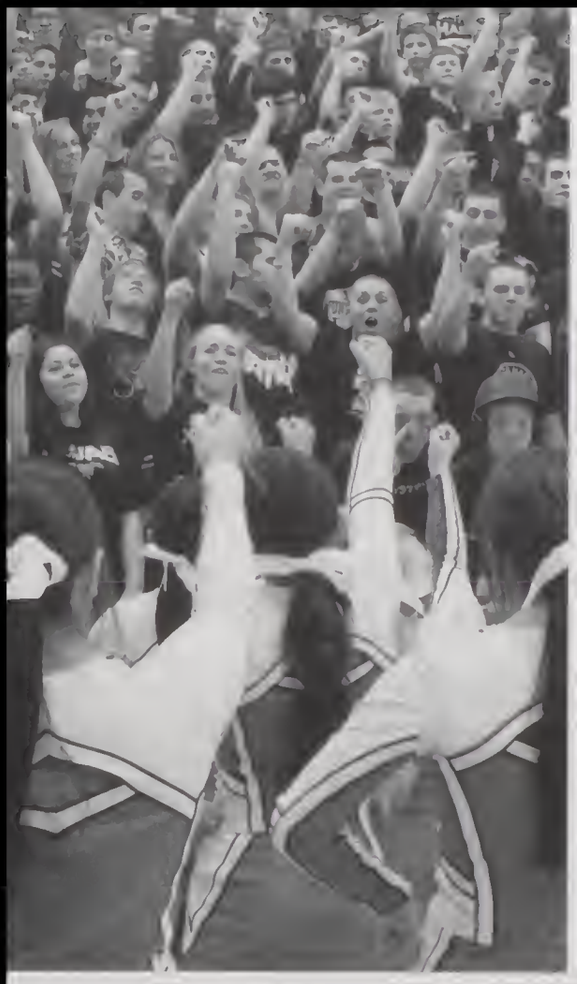
"Everyone would just go crazy, and it was really cool that when we cheered, they would respond," Suda said. "We would always do a cheer that people called 'Peel the Banana,' and it was really fun to get the whole student section doing it with us."

Beginning January 5, 2013, the cheerleaders gained a new member. The Mustang Mascot came back for the first time in over fifteen years, and Flynn LeMonnier, junior, was eager to put on the costume and cheer on the Boys' Basketball team.

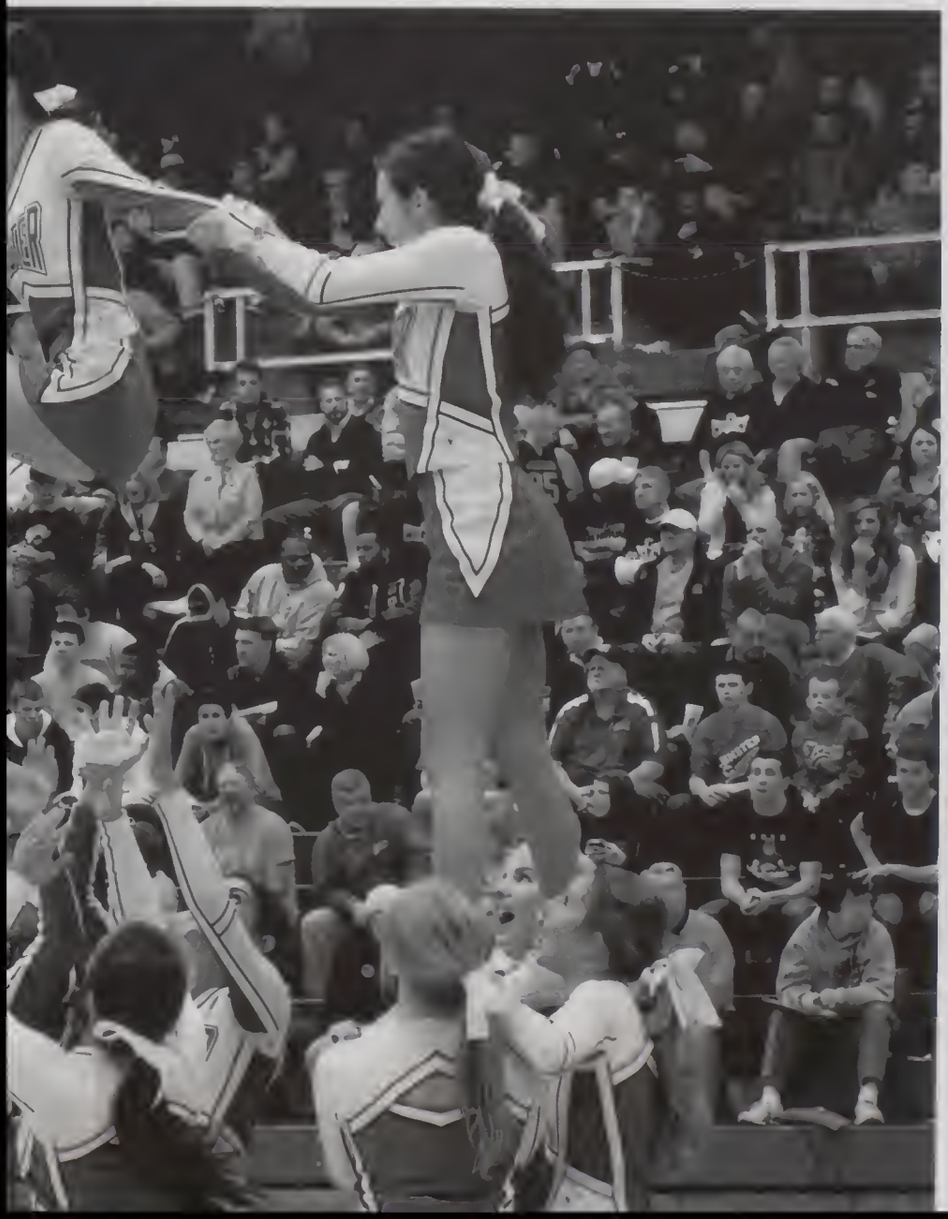
"It was funny that I was a 'cheerleader,' but I would get to practice with them once a week," LeMonnier said. "I guess technically we served the same purpose. I never did crazy stunts or anything, but I would always dance with the students, wave a giant 'M' flag on it, and launch t-shirts out to the Superfan section. I had really wanted to do it for a while, and I was really happy to finally get that opportunity."



high flyer Legs swinging from one side to the other, Erica Tuley, senior, does a stunt during one of the basketball games. "It used to be kind of scary," Tuley said. "But when you've been doing stunts for a while, you just stop thinking about it, and it got a lot easier."



full circle Positioned in a circle, the cheerleaders performa stunt at a Boys' Basketball game. The cheerleaders often created their own stunts to try out at each of the games, according to Erica Tuley, senior.



friends forever

for the cheerleaders, seeing their friends at each game made cheer more fun

at a tailgate party, Allison Wisniewski, junior, braids junior, Sydney Gunty's hair. "I saw her (Wisniewski's) hair, and I wanted her to do mine like that for the game because I thought it looked cute," Gunty said. **waiting for the game to start,** seniors Angela Jones, Megan Sheets, Erica Tuley, Emily Mis and Olivia Wagner joke around on the field. "We'd have to get there before the game started to get ready and stretch," Sheets said. "If we had down time, I always talked to them because they're my best friends even outside of cheer."

Varsity Cheer *(front row)* Nicole Delia, Elaina Etter, Sydney Gunty, Jamie Whiting, Allison Wisniewski, Ariana Chiotos *(second row)* Katl Kalemba, Olivia Wagner, Emma Nossem, Erica Tuley, Ashley Suda *(back row)* Gina Rice, Renee Zapinski, Allison Stahl, Megan Sheets, Emily Mis, Angela Jones

JV Cheer *(front row)* Emily Bochnowski, Allison Frankland, Kaley Reagan *(second row)* Stephanie Bulow, Briana Crowe, Catherine Arndt, Kasey Luehrs *(back row)* Lauren Koultorides, Melody Velez, Kelly Mundy, Kaitlyn Costello, Mary Pugh

shoot for success

golfers consider the different types of shots that can be made on the course

tee-shot: initial shot on a golf hole, made with a driver club
fairway shot: shots made in the area of short grass between the tee box and the hole
bunker shot: a shot made in an area filled with sand, causes the ball to slow down
pitch: short shot hit into the green with high trajectory and lots of spin
chip: short approach shot hit onto the green
putt: short shot typically made on putting green where the golf ball is struck and rolled toward the hole with a putter

source: golf-dictionary.com

decisions, decisions Pausing before his next move, AJ Gauthier, senior, decides what club to use for his next shot. Depending on the type of shot, a specific club needed to be used.

Boys' Golf *(front row)* Roshan Tilva, Andrew Monthie, Vincent D'Angelo, Alex Huard, AJ Gauthier, John Karamichos, Ronak Tilva *(back row)* Coach Bill Smitka, Nick Simic, Matt Specht, Kyle Wilkinson, Luke Wuchenich, Adam Wories, Coach Jacob Argenta

in full swing Arms out, Kyle Wilkinson, junior, hits a drive. As he swung, he thought about "swinging hard and hoping it went straight," according to Wilkinson.

buddy system Headed to the next hole, Kyle Wilkinson, junior, and Ronak Tilva, senior, talk before the next round. The chemistry of the team played an important role during the season."They gave you support when you weren't playing your best," Tilva said.

"I am proud of the team for going undefeated. Every person gave **100 percent** throughout the year."

AJ Gauthier, senior

AS THE SCORES ARE TALLIED at the NCC Conference meet, the realization sets in: the team has completed their victory streak. The meet marked the end of the regular season, leaving the team with an undefeated record. The players' determination in the season, even through the toughest of practices and the rainiest of days, contributed to their success, according to Captain AJ Gauthier, senior.

"People played well when they needed to step up," Gauthier said. "All of the practices in less than ideal weather conditions gave the team confidence when we had to compete against the course and the weather."

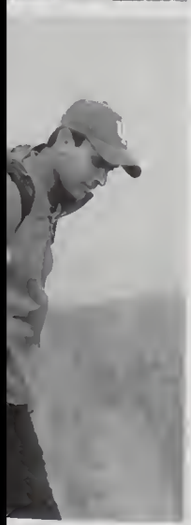
The team's skilled players, who were able to obtain good scores at meets, were a key component in the team's undefeated season, according to Nick Simic, senior.

"I think the fact that our whole varsity had the ability to put up such good scores at any time was a factor," Simic said. "Plus everyone got along so well like a family."

The outstanding record proved to be an great accomplishment for the team, according to Gauthier.

"I am proud of the team for going undefeated," Gauthier said. "Every person gave 100 percent effort throughout the year, and nothing changed as we moved into the post season."

line up Focused, Nick Simic, senior, analyzes the distance of the hole. "I thought about how fast or slow it was going to roll according to the slope, which way the ball was going to break, how hard or soft I had to hit the ball and where I had to aim," Simic said.



practice shot Club in hand, Luke Wuchenich, junior, takes a few practice swings before hitting a drive. "You find a rhythm in practice, and you just try to get better," Wuchenich said.

follow up After hitting a drive, Matt Specht, junior, follows through to his target and watches the ball go in the fairway. In the follow-through, Specht focused on hitting the fairway and "keeping out of trouble." "The follow-through was one of the most important things in the swing," Specht said.

chip off the old block In high concentration, AJ Gauthier, senior, chips the ball onto the putting green. "It was extremely important to score on the putting greens because a really good round is separated from an okay round by how many putts a player makes," Gauthier said. "Therefore, I had to visualize ball movement even more on the greens."

the swing of things Eyes looking in the distance, Ronak Tilva, senior, watches where his shot will land. "Depending on the shot, I always thought to hit the best shot I could," Tilva said. "I also thought to minimize the damage if I did hit a bad shot."

Girls' Track
10-1
NCC 6-0
Valparaiso 80-52
Andrean 130.5-1.5
Kankakee Valley 73-59
Griffith 111-21
Lowell 85-47
Highland 121-11
Mustang Invite 1st
Hobart 77.67-45.33
NCC Conference 1st

Post Season
Sectionals
1st
Regionals
21st

Girls' Track *(first row)* Nadia Radowick, Kaitlyn Taylor, Cristina McNeiley, Alexis DeLuna, Jen Allen, Ashley Frasco, Mykaela Burton, Colleen Ogren, Carrie Boelt, Mady Moyer, Melanie Loslo, Casey Griffin, Alisha Maiolo *(second row)* Miranda Guerrero, Kaitlyn Bohling, Amber Kimbrough, Emma Witt, Elizabeth Kloos, Elaine Zmuda, Olivia Askew, Andrea Rodriguez, Kristina Todorovic, Sydney Gunty, Lia Andreatos, Kim Szymkowski, Manar Odtallah *(third row)* Coach Kyleen Nolan, Charlene Cortez, Danielle Hladek, Emily Hammermeister, Natalia Bilek, Anna Stooksbury, Rebecca Karnezis, Emily McNicholas, Olivera Todorovic, Casey Boelt, Erin Harvath, Toni DalleCarbonare, Brittany Lee, Tola Ibikunule *(fourth row)* Eleni Georgalas, Abigail Wagner, Nureya Miller, Claire Svoboda, Elena Dekker, Ally Milne, Brittany Barajas, Seung Lee, Kathleen Gonzales, Carly Kennedy, Fiona Riley, Mackenzie Peirick, Coach Tom Barnes *(back row)* Coach Rick Sluder, Maggie Anderson, Abigail Kapitan, Emily Wierman, Lauren Adams, Lexi Lyons, Lindsey Bermingham, Brooke Newton, Haley Collison, Samantha Buvala, Zola Carter, Zoe Mintz, Angelica Small, Emily Johnson, Jill Ylo

bass keeps runnin'

to get into the zone for races, Kaitlyn Bohling, junior, listens to a variety of upbeat songs

"Can't Hold Us"	Macklemore and Ryan Lewis	*The Heist*
"Like Toy Soldiers"	Eminem	*Like Toy Soldiers*
"More"	Usher	*Raymond v. Raymond*
"Wild Nights"	John Mellencamp	*Dance Naked*

source: Kaitlyn Bohling, junior

jam session As she stretches, Kaitlyn Bohling, junior, listens to her iPod before a meet. "I listened to a lot of upbeat music because it helped me get pumped up for my race," Bohling said.

change of scenery Holding onto the wall, Lia Andreatos, junior; sophomores Olivera Todorovic and Casey Boelt; and Captain Mady Moyer, senior, work out in the water during a pool practice. "We would practice in the pool as a resting day after a hard workout or meet," Andreatos said. "We would tread water and do form drills to help us with our running form."

leaps and bounds Clearing a hurdle, Olivera Todorovic, sophomore, looks toward the next one. "While I was running, I wasn't thinking of anything," Todorovic said. "My mind would go completely blank, and my body would take over and just do what it was trained to do."

on your mark Getting into a starting position, Andrea Rodriguez, junior, prepares to begin her race. "When I was down, I would focus on the sound of the gun," Rodriguez said. "And when it went off, I would focus on coming out strong and being confident that I would win."

pass it on Finishing her leg of the relay, Captain Colleen Ogren, senior, passes the baton off to Emily McNicholas, junior. "Normally the person you were passing the baton off to got a running start," Ogren said. "So what was most important was giving all the effort you had left to get the next person off to a good start."

close for comfort Arms outstretched, Captain Mykaela Burton, senior, consoles Emily Johnson, freshman, after a race. The team was always supportive, according to Burton. "Emily thought she didn't do well because her method of running wasn't correct," Burton said. "But I told her we would work on it, and she ended up doing fantastic her next race and qualified for Regionals."

having a field day

in addition to running events, track members also compete in various field events

pole in hand, Kim Szymkowski, junior, runs down the track preparing to pole vault. "When I would start my run, I focused on keeping my speed up, planting at the right time, swinging up fully and clearing the height," Szymkowski said.

keeping her eye on the bar, Carrie Boelt, senior, focuses on executing her high jump. "When I would jump, I would try to clear my mind and not over think it," Boelt said. "After I cleared the bar, I would have the biggest smile."

ponytail flying in the air, Lexi DeLuna, senior, performs her long jump. "In the air I would be focused on getting as high as I could while extending my legs for the landing, so I could get the farthest jump possible," DeLuna said.

"In track, it's crazy to win by such a small amount, so it was an amazing feeling."

Carrie Boelt, senior

WAITING FOR THE FINAL results to be announced, the Girls' Track team sits in the Hobart field with faces streaming with tears, believing they are about to lose Conference for the first time in fourteen years.

"We lost the 4x4 which was the last event, so we knew it was going to be a really close meet," Captain Carrie Boelt, senior, said. "By the way Sluder was keeping score, we had lost. A lot of girls started crying, and you could tell just by looking around that we were all really upset."

The team waited for a half hour after the meet was completed to hear the final results. Ten minutes before results were called, the team got word of the scores.

"Kankakee Valley's head coach came up to Coach (Kyleen) Nolan (science teacher) and Coach (Tom) Barnes (English teacher) and congratulated us on the win," Boelt said. "It turned out they forgot to add in the high jump results, giving us thirteen points and pulling us ahead of KV by three. We all got really excited, but didn't yell or anything until we heard the final results. When they announced second place to Kankakee Valley, we lost it. We had a pile of seniors on top of each other hugging and crying tears of happiness. In track, it's crazy to win by such a small amount, so it was an amazing feeling."

Varsity Baseball
21-9
NCC 7-4

Terre Haute South 7-3
New Haven 20-1
Mount. Vernon 8-11
Merrillville 11-5
Lake Central 4-6
Crown Point 7-3
Valparaiso 5-11
Hobart 6-5
Hobart 1-11
Morton 14-2
Lowell 9-2
Lowell 10-7
Hanover Central 13-3
Griffith 8-7
Griffith 7-6
Kankakee Valley 7-6
Kankakee Valley 4-1
East Chicago Central 10-1
Andrean 2-8
Andrean 2-7
Highland 5-1
Hammond Academy 16-0
Bishop Noll 3-7
Highland 5-1
Fort Wayne Concordia 20-0
Bellmont 15-12
Portage 4-1

Post Season

Sectionals
Highland 9-1
East Chicago Central 11-1
Lake Central 5-6

JV Baseball
20-4
NCC 3-0

Lake Central 7-17
Portage 4-2
Hobart 20-11
Hobart 4-5
Kankakee Valley 12-2
Kankakee Valley 13-1
Morton 15-0
Bishop Noll 10-0
Andrean 2-3
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East Chicago 10-0
Valparaiso 11-2
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Hammond 11-0
Lake Central 7-8
Merrillville 5-0
Portage 4-2
Griffith 11-0
Griffith 15-0
Chesterton 21-4
Highland 12-1
Lowell 13-2

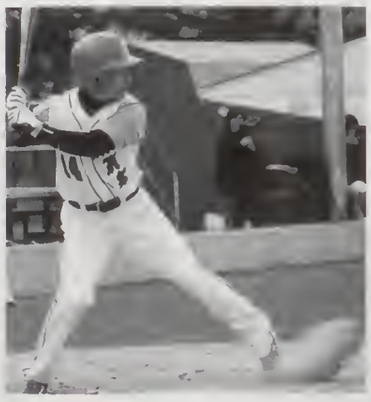
Freshman Baseball
8-8
NCC 4-1

Lake Central 3-6
Chesterton 18-8
Valparaiso 0-18
Valparaiso 4-11
Highland 12-0
Highland 7-1
Hobart 16 4
Boone Grove 7-5
Boone Grove 1-11
Chesterton 4-5
Crown Point 1-9
Lowell 11-12
Lowell 18-6
Bishop Noll 7-20
Lake Central Invite 1st

Varsity Baseball *(front row)* Alex Crowe, Mike Mueller, Trace McCarthy, Alex Del Rio, Allan Korem, Mat Enger, Joe Jumonville, Scott Shaner *(second row)* Nick Marlow, Alo Morado, Connor Manous, Alec Skalka, Ryan Yates, Alex Coccia, Kevin O'Brien *(back row)* Coach Bob Shinkan, Craig Dedelow, David Hladek, Sam Bell, Mike Poulos, Jonathan Azar, Sean McCarthy, Coach Jeff Rosen

JV Baseball *(front row)* John Pitsas, Matt Childs, Richard Para, Michael Rivich, Michael Szumlas *(second row)* Xavier Hofferth-Pettis, James Delis, Brett Miller, Coach Matt Backs *(back row)* Jacob Ahlf, Jesse Bruzan, Joey Bryant, Patrick Burke, Grant Rademacher

Freshman Baseball *(front row)* Patrick Marsh, Luke Pillarella, Zachary Kall, Nicholas Gauthier, Kyle Palermo *(second row)* Michael Brozovic, Esteban Morado, Alex Miss, Jacob Lyza, Ruben Shehigian, Dominick Delia *(back row)* Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Trevor Brooks, Logan Armagast, Jordan Saez, Aaron Welch

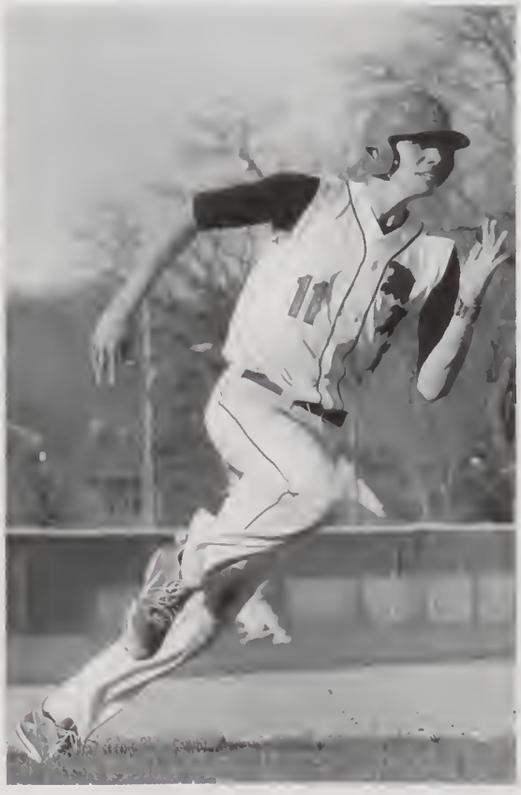


king of swing Hitting the baseball, Alo Morado (14), junior, performs a successful swing. "As the pitcher started his wind up, I slowly transferred my weight to my back leg," Morado said. "When the ball reached the point of where I wanted to make contact, I transferred my weight back to my front leg to hit a line drive."

bring it home Running from third base to home plate, Craig Dedelow (11), senior, prepares to score. "When I touched home I felt relief, because not only did I get a stat, but I also helped my team," Dedelow said. "I didn't judge if I could make it to the next base. I watched my coach and listened to his signs."

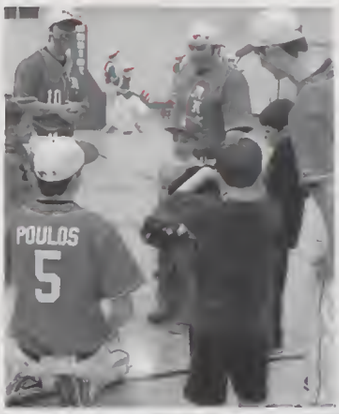
stick together On the sidelines, seniors Sean McCarthy (1) and Craig Dedelow (11) talk to one another. "The team was extremely close," McCarthy said. "There were very few issues with the team. I think that was why we had so much success. Team chemistry was key."

out and about In the outfield, Captain Mike Mueller (18), senior, prepares to catch the baseball. Mueller believed the attitude of his teammates improved his playing. "We were closer because we all got along," Mueller said. "As the season went on, we became more of a family."



learn to play

over spring break, baseball players held a youth camp inside the gym where players taught elementary age students the rules and moves of the sport



helping out younger students, Mike Poulos (5), senior, demonstrates what to do for a proper pitch. "I worked with all the kids on pitching," Poulos said. "We taught them the basic fundamentals about the pitching mechanics. My favorite part was all the energy the kids had to put forth. They wanted to learn and get involved." **hands in the air,** Alex Del Rio (23), junior, Nicholas Marlow (4), senior, and other players close their day of teaching younger students with a chant. "I liked the camp because I participated in it as a kid and it helped them learn how to play the game correctly at a younger age," Marlow said. "We helped them with certain drills such as ground balls, fly balls and their hitting mechanics and also incorporated some fun into the camp with a tee ball and running bases game."

"This year, we all seemed to be all in for **each other** and to win"

Trace McCarthy, senior

WITH TWENTY out of twenty-one members either juniors or seniors, Captain Allan Korem, senior, believed the close age of the Varsity Baseball team brought them together.

"Last year we had a problem with everyone not getting along," Korem said. "This year was nothing like that. We've all known and played with each other since we were in little league."

Since the team felt more at ease with one another, the boys performed better at games, according to Trace McCarthy, senior.

"I believed this team had been closer than past years as well because everyone on the team was close and constantly looked out for each other," McCarthy said. "Our team this year played very loose and when someone was not having such a great game, another one picked him up. Last year, many people seemed to be playing only for themselves. This year, we seemed to be all in for each other and to win."

Constructive criticism benefited players because each teammate had a different perspective. While in the dugout, the contrasting viewpoints of each player helped to bring the team together, according to Alex Del Rio, junior.

"We had contrasting personalities," Del Rio said. "But we blended together, from the humor of Kevin O'Brien (senior) to the energy we got from Sean McCarthy (senior) during the games. We all fit together like a family."

fever pitch Eye on home plate, Alex Crowe (17), senior, enters the final part of his pitch. "I made sure I touched my mitt to my back shoulder and accelerated towards home plate," Crowe said. "I tried to focus on the smallest point of the mitt."

"When the team was announced, I was a Varsity alternate. That was when I thought, 'Maybe I can do this.'"

Anisha Vavilala, freshman

ONE YEAR AGO, Anisha Vavilala, freshman, would never have imagined playing on the Varsity lineup.

"I started really getting into tennis last year with some of my friends," Vavilala said. "A year ago, I would never had made it. When I tried out, I was nervous I wouldn't even make the JV team. When the team was announced, I was a Varsity alternate. That was when I thought, 'Maybe I can do this.'"

The team faced a setback early in the season when Erica Tritsch, senior, made a personal decision to leave the team.

"When Erica quit, it was definitely really hard. She was one of the best players on our team, so it was hard to make up for her not being there," Vavilala said. "She was Mariana's (Rogers, senior) old partner, so when she left, I filled in as Mariana's partner for the rest of the season. We had around an 80 percent win record, and I really tried my best in all my matches."

At Number Two Doubles, Rogers and Vavilala ended their season at Semistate with a loss to Carmel.

"It's hard to say if they would have won if Erica stayed, but I think Mariana and I put up a good fight against them," Vavilala said.

Girls' Tennis
15-4
NCC 5-0

Crown Point 4-1
Lowell 5-0
Warsaw Invite
  Elkart Memorial 4-1
  Penn 1-4
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 4-1
Lake Central 5-0
Hobart 5-0
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
South Bend Riley 3-2
Valparaiso 3-2
Plymouth 4-1

Post Season
Sectionals
  Griffith 5-0
  Highland 5-0
  Hammond 5-0
Regionals
  Crown Point 4-1
  Whiting 5-0
Semistate
  Carmel 4-1

Girls' Tennis *(front row)* Paige Heuer, Kasey Kulesa, Anisha Vavilala, Mariana Rogers, Melissa Tepperman, Nikki Heiniger, Jessica Rooth *(second row)* Dana Handler, Ally Szakacs, Caitlyn Knor, Laila Newab, Jessica Layous, Anna Riggs, Alexis Monthie, Sara Shah, Danica Obradovic, Carly Peilet *(back row)* Coach Bill Heuer, Aarju Patel, Shriya Das, Allison Dinh, Alexia Colveran, Maddie Purcell, Julia Chael, Sydney Puckett, Paulina Kawalec, Coach Catmier

freshman fire

when the team lost a key player due to a conflict, freshmen Anisha Vavilala and Anna Riggs found their places in the Varsity lineup and contributed to the team's success

as their opponent scores, captain Mariana Rogers, senior, and her partner Anisha Vavilala, freshman, discuss a strategy to keep control of the match. "Mariana would always be really hard on me," Anisha said. "But I know she did it because she wanted to win, so even though it was kind of intimidating, she was pretty helpful."

eye on the ball and racket in hand, Anna Riggs, freshman, prepares to serve during tennis practice. "I was the Varsity doubles alternate," Riggs said. "Sometimes I would learn I was playing Varsity right before the match. It helped me become more adaptive in my play because I was continuously switching between singles and doubles. For me, this season was a growth year that helped me develop."

fifteen love Between games, captain Paige Heuer, senior, holds up a finger to signal that she won a game in her match. "Even though both players would know the scores, it was just so that there were no misunderstandings in the scores later in the game," Heuer said.

pushing limits Running from one side of the court to the other, Anisha Vavilala, freshman, successfully saves the ball from hitting the ground. "This year, I definitely got to learn a lot," Vavilala said. "I feel like I grew a lot this year. I became a stronger player and competitor."

ready to win Focused on the match, Melissa Tepperman, junior, prepares for the ball to reach her side of the court. "It was really important to keep your head in the game," Tepperman said. "The game moves so fast, so you have to be adjusting your game constantly"

dive in As the ball hits the ground, Nikki Heiniger, sophomore, dives in to save the point. At Number One Doubles, Heinigier and her partner, captain Paige Heuer, senior, beat Carmel and made it to State. "Although I wish I could have gone to State with my team, I was super excited because we had been working hard," Heiniger said.

smooth recovery Recovering from a back injury she got from playing, Jessica Rooth, junior, returns to her place at Number One Singles. "It started getting better during the season," Rooth said. "I just went through a lot of physical therapy and iced a lot. I wore a back brace that helped the pain."

"It was an old record held for **nearly 40 years.**"

Miles Barilla, freshman

HEART POUNDING and eyes locked on the finish line, Miles Barilla, freshman, runs the 100 meter dash. Barilla runs as hard as he can to reach his goal of winning the race. The meet ends, and Barilla gets the news that he broke the freshman record for the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.25 seconds, 0.15 seconds faster than the previous record.

"My main focus for the race was to try to win," Barilla said. "Because it was an old record held for nearly 40 years."

Even though he didn't find out he broke the record until after the meet ended, he still felt good about his performance, according to Barilla. He did not go into the race expecting to break the record, but just to do his best to beat his previous time.

"I noticed Miles' speed during January-February conditioning workouts," Coach Jonathan Stamper, Eads Elementary School physical education teacher, said. "He was beating almost everyone in some of our shorter sprints."

According to Coach Stamper, older runners were good to learn from and were supportive. The first meet Barilla raced in was intimidating for him, but he had good leaders to look up to and take the pressure off, according to Coach Stamper.

"He was a little hesitant to run his first varsity race at LC this spring, but he did very well," Coach Stamper said.

Barilla was only a freshman when he broke the school record, leaving room for improvement and more time for him to get stronger for future events, according to Coach Stamper.

"The exciting thing is that he has so much room for improvement," Coach Stamper said. "He could still get a lot stronger and more explosive. His performance can improve. I am expecting Miles to do very well for us in the future."

in the fast lane Crossing the finish line, Calvin Sanders, junior, pushes his limits to beat his opponents. "For my shorter sprints it was a high intensity moment, especially when the race was close," Sanders said. "In my longer races like the 400 it was a relief."

dead locked In a tie, Ryan Kritzer, sophomore, tries to overcome his opponent. "It was really intense when you were tied with someone at any part of the race," Kritzer said. "I just tried to outlast them. Then when they were starting to fade, I would kick and hold that as long as I could."

hand off After being handed the baton, from Kyle Jen, freshman, Miles Barilla, freshman, races against other schools to help win the relay for his team. "I just wanted to run as fast as possible because there were people behind me," Barilla said.

hurdle up Jumping the hurdles, Clay Arnold, freshman, races to the finish. "It was exciting," Arnold said. "There was a rush with every hurdle because I wasn't sure if I would hit it or get over it."

over obstacles Finishing his jump, LaRence Crowder, senior, hurdles for his team. "I think I did hurdles because it seemed to be the center of everyones attention at track meets," Crowder said. "It was so different from everything else, and I wanted to do something different and interesting."

in form Leaping over the obstacle, Eashan Kumar, junior, hurdles for track. "The hardest part about hurdling was mastering the form," Kumar, said. "A common misconception was that it was just jumping, but hurdling was running quickly while jumping, which made the technique really important."

cool down

occasionally the track team switches exercises and workouts in the pool instead of on the track

1. run in water
2. knee highs
3. leg swings
4. jumps and bounds
5. tread water
6. kick

source: Calvin Sanders, junior

change of pace As a different practice exercise, Calvin Sanders, junior, and his teammates practice in the pool instead of the track. "We do them on days after track meets," Sanders said. "I feel that they give us good recovery while we work on form."

Boys' Track *(front row)* Kye Tratar, Marcos Vasquez, Armando Vazquez, Travis Frank, Bryce Barnett, Alex Collison, LaRence Crowder, Miles Gunty, James Moss, Jonathan Pasyk, William Greenlaw *(second row)* Jonathan Flores, Clavin Sanders, Ryan Brickman, Kyle Hanson, Saam Mojtahed, Steven Burgwald, Ernest Carter, Steven Malloy, Erick Alanis, Mario Lopez, Tommy Bolanowski, Jeff Buieser (*third row*) Clayton St. Martin, Rainy Herakovich, Andrew Grabelle, Gage Knor, Demetrios Georgalas, Jung Lee, Eashan Kumar, Atilla Zsigmond, Steven Ozug, Eric Rhodes, Ryan Kritzer, Manuel Lopez, Tim Chavez (*fourth row*) Gillian Urbaniak, Daniel Spencer, Yiorgo Karnezis, Chris Charels, Clay Arnold, Christian Alloisa, Ian Wallis, Casey Terry, James Murphy, Dominic Lucito, Seth Gutein, Scott Farley, Lawrence Gaines, Hanna Dempsey (*back row*) Coach Jonathan Stamper, Sean Wagner, Diego Alanis, Zach Simic, Luke Shacklett, Miles Barilla, Trey DeLuna,Tyler Keslin, Theo Burgwald, Kyle Jen, Brian Banach, Nick Bleza, Carl Burnside

up all night during the team lock-in, the girls had a sleepover in the fieldhouse, ate food and played team bonding activities

circled together, the team spends time with each other at the team lock-in during Spring Break. "The lock-in was fun because it allowed all the upperclassmen to get to know the younger classmen a lot better," Katie Gloff, sophomore, said. "It was so early in the season that it was a great opportunity to get to know everyone better." **laughing beside each other,** Jordan Anderson, sophomore, and Payton Preboy, junior, bond with their team during the team lock-in. "The girls and the coaches were always there and were what made the team so great," Anderson said. "We all really came together for a common goal, and we always pushed ourselves past our limits. Being part of the team was more than I could have asked for."

Varsity Softball
20-6
NCC 10-2

Lake Central 5-4
Bishop Noll 3-2
Morton 10-2
Hanover Central 4-3
Andrean 10-0
Crown Point 2-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Lowell 15-0
Griffith 4-3
Wheeler 6-2
Hobart 10-2
Highland 12-5
Carmel Invite 5-4
Carmel Invite 5-3
Andrean 4-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Lowell 1-0
Griffith 8-0
Harrison 4-2
Delphi 12-2
Pioneer 5-4
Hobart 7-3
Highland 7-0
Portage 11-1
Valparaiso 8-0
Chesterton 3-0

Post Season
Sectionals
1st
Regionals
2nd

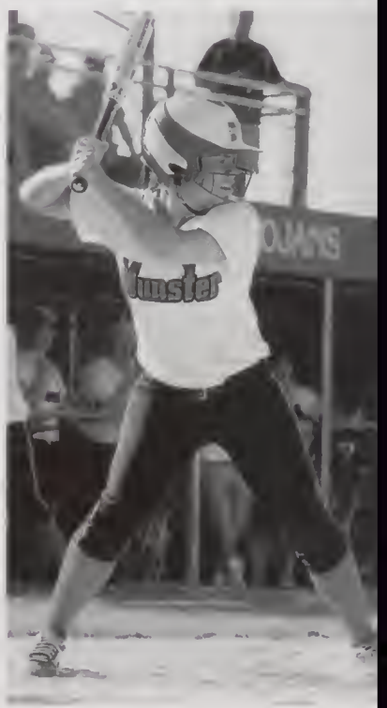
JV Softball
10-1
NCC 9-2

Bishop Noll 20-0
Morton 18-8
Hanover Central 16-6
Lake Central 8-5
Kankakee Valley 7-6
Griffith 7-6
Hobart 15-5
Highland 11-1
Lowell 5-0
Hobart 4-3
Highland 8-0

laugh it out With a smile on her face, Taylor Kotzo (3), sophomore, congratulates Carly Murphy (24), senior; Kaitlynn Gloff (2), sophomore; and Madelynn Moore (14), freshman, during a game. "Whether there was an issue on the field or outside the white lines, the team was always there for support," Kotzo said.

Varsity Softball *(front row)* Taylor Kotzo, Kaitlynn Gloff, Gina Rice, Cathy Lebryk, Jordan Anderson, Carly Murphy *(second row)* Paige Kwasigroch, Briana Zunica, Emma Hodges, Tegan Murphy, Payton Preboy, Anna Bachert, Sadie Conner *(back row)* Deanna McPartlan, Madelynn Moore, Coach Beth Thornburg, Taylor Michalski, Coach Dan Sims, Coach Tom DeGiulio

JV Softball *(front row)* Michaella Lorenz, Tatiana Shinkan, Danielle White, Maria Sirounis, Jill Ackermann, Kaitlynne Gleason *(second row)* Elizabeth Della Rocco, Jordan Anderson, Emma Slosser, Anna Bachert, Brigid McGinty, Megan Hernandez, Bridget Caraher *(back row)* Coach Jen Wisser, Sarah Smolinski, Megan Zahrecky, Amanda Osterhus, Olivia Laoang, Coach Ron Moore



"I think we kind of went into it with the attitude that we knew we could win."

Carly Murphy, senior

AFTER FACING DEFEAT against Lake Central during Sectionals, the girls finally beat the rival team 4-0 for the first time in five years.

"I was proud," Captain Taylor Michalski, junior, said. "(I was) proud to say that I was on the team, playing with these girls."

With confidence levels higher, the girls went into the Sectionals game with a better attitude than past years.

"I think we kind of went into it (game against Lake Central) with the attitude that we knew we could win," Carly Murphy, senior, said. "In the past we've been nervous. This year we went into it thinking that there was nothing more we could do to prepare, and we played really well."

Along with a boost in confidence, the girls also had more team chemistry which allowed them to beat Lake Central, according to Michalski.

"We came together as a team really well this year," Michalski said. "If our pitching wasn't so hot that day, we would try our best to make sure our offense was backing it up and vice versa."

Because of the need for player communication, bonding together as a team was vital, according to Emma Hodges, senior.

"I felt like we all connected a little bit more than last year, and that really helped us in games," Hodges said. "It (softball) is such a team effort. There's not one person that wins a game. It's so important to have that chemistry."

eye on the ball During the Sectionals game against Lake Central, which was held in Highland, Kaitlynn Gloff (2), sophomore, watches the ball after she bats. "Beating LC just proved that we were unbeatable," Gloff said. "After beating them, we walked away with so much more confidence that helped us take the Sectional Champion title."

batter up Focused on the game, Gina Rice (6), junior, bats the ball. "During the game I was usually not thinking at all," Rice said. "I was just reacting to the ball. The most difficult part of softball was not getting down on yourself. You had to realize that you could not play like an all-star every game, and you were bound to make an error sometimes."

final goodbye Clapping for their fellow teammates, the Varsity team says farewell at Senior Night. "Looking around and seeing all the emotions that were portrayed on my teammates'...faces really showed me how much this group of seniors was going to be missed," Sadie Conner (5), junior, said. "Not just because they were all great softball players, but because they were all great people as well."

pitch in While focusing on the game, Carly Murphy (24), senior, plays one pitch at a time. "I tried not to look too far forward and definitely tried not to look back on the mistakes that I made," Murphy said. "I think that I did best when I tried not to think too much about one thing in particular. I just focused on the task at hand and gave it 110 percent."

arm in arm Hugging Briana Zunica (11), senior, Coach Beth Thornburg, math teacher, says farewell to the seniors on Senior Night. "The team had such great team chemistry and they got along so well," Coach Thornburg said. "They were fun to coach because they worked so hard and competed well."

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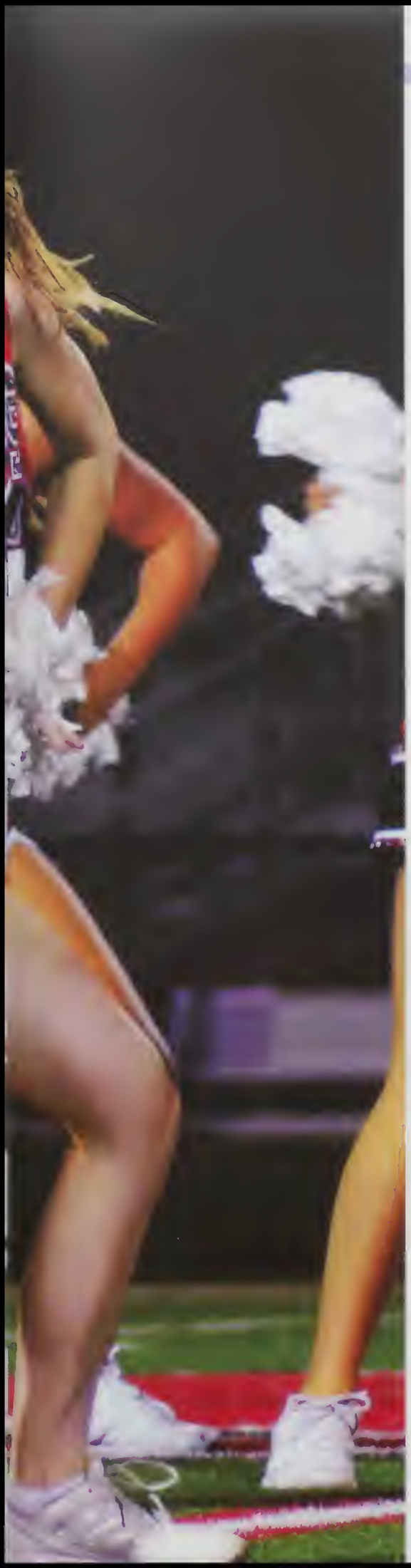


a different beat

We turn from our desk to look at our alarm clock. The soft red glow of the numbers reads 2:14 a.m. We finally pack up our Algebra II, APUSH and biology books, and tuck ourselves into bed, hoping that the extra effort we put in will pull us through our tests tomorrow.

At school we struggle to keep up with Mr. Herold's endless Modern World History notes. We check Moodle for the eighth *Pride and Prejudice* Critical Reading Journal we have for homework. We open the latest Excel spreadsheet to complete Mr. Kosuzt's never-ending physics lab. We act out antisocial personality disorder in AP Psychology.

But beyond school, we run six miles in the pouring rain for Cross Country. We wake up at 4:45 a.m. to go to swimming practice. We do endless Google searches trying to figure out AP Chemistry. We research PCV valves in cars, finding out how to reduce emissions of cars for the Lexus Eco Challenge, winning $10,000 for the school.

We walk laps around JoAnn Fabrics, trying to find the perfect props for *Alice In Wonderland*. We close Panera Bread at 11:00 p.m. We spend hours sewing costumes for next weekend's Homestuck cosplay. We dedicate our Friday nights to playing a three hour football game in 90 degree weather.

We never settled for ordinary.

We strove for the best. We put in the extra effort to make our high school career worth it. Because of our ambition, our pride and our attitude, we went the

extra mile

sassy spirit | Lips pursed, Jessica Ivetich, senior, and Sarah Sharpe, junior, perform their pom routine at the halftime show of a football game. The dancers used colorful and dramatic facial expressions to enhance their performance on the field, according to Sarah. "We do it for entertainment purposes," Sarah said. "They add to the excitement of the perfomance. They just kind of come naturally; it was easy to smile when you were dancing. We had a lot of experience doing them, so we became accustomed. We had a lot of fun with them."

hot wheels

students find ways to get to school through carpooling

locking up their tandem bike, seniors Mady Moyer and Andrea Paunicka go all out for Spirit Week. "We thought it would top off the whole nerd look," Mady said. "We were wanting to ride one to school for a while, and we thought that was a perfect day to do it!" **in martin's car,** seniors Taha Quershi and Martin Bustalino carpool from school. Students carpooled to save money, time and enjoy the company of their friends.

frequent flyers

the flyers on the cheerleading team put trust in their teammates to perform complicated stunts

hands in the air, Renee Zapinski, senior, and Jamie Whiting, junior, perform at a home football game. "Flying was one of my favorite things about cheerleading," Jamie said. "It took a lot of concentration and determination to hit a difficult stunt." One key aspect of being a flyer was trust in your team, according to Jamie. "You had to trust your bases and back spot underneath you to be able to hit the stunt perfectly," Jamie said. "It was a team effort."

- kick a full basket
- bow and arrow
- pyramids
- backflips

caffeine count

with hours of homework, studying and projects to be done after school, students have favorite drinks to keep them up during the late hours

26.13% pop

24.84% coffee

18.87% tea

18.55% other

10.00% energy drinks

0.48% 5-hour energy

source: survey taken on April 19 of 643 students

tuckered out Typing on her laptop, Kaitlyn Bohling, junior, releases some stress while studying at Panera Bread. "It was a great place to meet up and study because if you needed help, you could meet friends there and talk about it," Kaitlyn said. "It was more relaxed compared to the library."

perfect pick me up

students found themselves procrastinating for tests and projects, making them stay up for late nights

MAKING THE FINAL EDITS to her ten page persuasive essay, Nicole Plewniak, senior, looks over at her clock. She finally prints the finished copy, places it in a new folder and heads to bed at 4 am.

"While I was writing that night, I kept thinking 'I should've finished it earlier,'" Nicole said. "I knew it wasn't my best and wished I had allowed more time to finish it and revise."

Students often found themselves waiting until the last minute to do things. Whether it was studying for an Algebra 1 test or writing an essay, many students procrastinated when it came to school work.

"People procrastinated simply because they didn't want to do it," Harsh Jhaveri, freshman, said. "They also had too much to do already."

Several factors played a role in procrastination, such as social media, point value of the assign ment, and motivation, according to Harsh. However, a large contributing factor was senioritis, a "disease" where second semester seniors lost their motivation to try in classes.

"I think seniors had it the worst because by second semester, they were already committed (to a college), so they thought of themselves as part of another school," Nicole said.

crunch time Doing some last minute studying before class, Kevin Fuhs, sophomore, tries to retain information for an upcoming test. "Cramming was unavoidable when you had a combo of tough classes," Kevin said. "I crammed for tests on average about once a week."

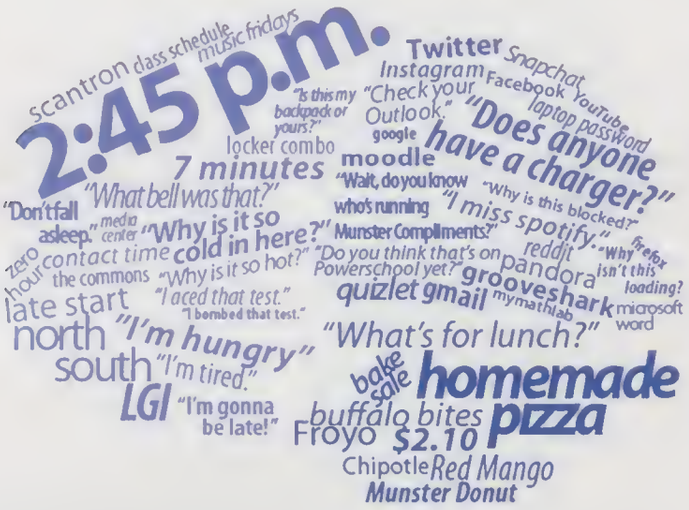
it's a class act

students chose certain classes to provide a break in the day, along with the ability to let loose and have fun

flipping chicken in the pan, seniors Maggie Hinkleman and Sophie Fillis, and sophomore Emma Prucha cook in foods class. Foods offered a break in the day for students, according to Maggie. **with all his might,** Jacob Wojcik, senior, works out in the weight room. He joined Weight Training class to keep in shape for soccer and stay fit. "I thought everyone should have a class like that," Jacob said. "It let students release stress they may have had during the day. Rather than sitting in a desk all day, they could stay active." **care fully painting** with watercolor, Hallie Peilet, senior, works on her propaganda piece for Drawing class. Art classes provided students with the ability to freely express themselves through different forms of art. "I liked drawing and painting a lot, and the fact that I had it last hour made me feel like I ended my school day on a good note," Hallie said. "Mrs. Lopez always gave us guidance, but she let everybody interpret the assignment however they felt it best suit them."

what's on your mind?

a variety of thoughts run through a student's brain on a daily basis while at school



fiery focus As he lights a Dorito chip on fire, Nick Cossyleon, senior, concentrates on the task at hand during a Biomedical Science lab. "I was lighting a Dorito on fire to see the amount of calories that were burned out," Nick said. "I needed to focus on keeping the flame underneath the chip and making sure I lit it."

munster mentality

students share a specific mind-set and determination towards academics, athletics and other aspects of their lives

"Students' motivation is what makes them strive to do well. Their motivation can come from anywhere, from friends to family. If students see someone doing well, they will try to emulate it. Also, their future and what they want to be motivates them."

Sidd Divakaruni, sophomore

"Munster, being a school with such excellence, definitely produces not only athletic competition, but academic competition as well. We feel like it's necessary to succeed and do well in every aspect of our lives."

Emily McNicholas, junior

"I think 'Munster Mind' refers to how Munster students have a positive attitude and give 100 percent in whatever they do. Whether we are in class, playing a sport or cheering in the student section, we do our best to make sure we succeed and have fun."

Jenny Tassaro, senior

totally psyched

terms learned in Psychology and AP Psychology can help describe Munster's attitude and mind-set

Social facilitation /sōSHel fesili'tāSHen/
The tendency for people who are being watched or observed to perform better than they would alone on simple tasks.

Helping behavior /'helpiNG bi'hāvyer/
Any act that is intended to benefit another person.

Superego /sooper'ēgō/
The component of personality that works to suppress urges and tries to make the ego behave morally, rather than realistically.

Self-schemas /self'skēmes/
Mental representations that people form of themselves.

source: Psychology Eighth Edition (AP Psychology textbook)

a different perspective Standing on top of Alec Thompson, sophomore's, back, Charlie Levin, senior, prepares to take a photo during photography class. "I stood on Alec's back because we were supposed to be using alternate perspectives than standing straight up and shooting," Charlie said. "Alec was the biggest kid in my class, and I knew I could get the most height with his help. The angle was almost straight down with the subject looking up at me. There was kind of shadowy lighting from the school, so my subject's eyes really stood out."

head in the game Eyes on his racket, Ben Marcus, sophomore, prepares to serve. "When I'm serving I would think about what I was going to do next," Ben said. "What went through my mind was really anything, tennis-related and non tennis-related. If I over-thought what I was doing, I would usually miss."

the munster mind

students maintain a certain attitude and mentality towards schoolwork and other areas that differ from others

MILKY WAY AND M&M wrappers are scattered across Paulina Kawalec, junior's, dining room table. Among them are sheets of notebook paper, pencils and textbooks. It is Halloween, and instead of participating in the night's trick-or-treating festivities, Paulina and a group of her friends are studying AP U.S. History together.

"Everyone came over to my house dressed up in their Halloween costumes," Paulina said. "At first glance, we looked like a group of friends just having fun and eating candy on Halloween, but if you looked closer, we were all crying over APUSH."

Many students had a natural drive to work hard and get quality work done, even if it meant sacrificing a night out on Halloween, according to Paulina.

"We all would've liked to have gone trick-or-treating, but we had a ton of homework that needed to be done that night," Paulina said. "Homework was our top priority, but we still tried to have fun."

This type of diligence towards schoolwork was not uncommon for students at Munster, according to Paulina.

"I think a lot of Munster students were dedicated to their schoolwork and wanted to do well in classes," Paulina said. "We all realized the importance of trying our best."

hit the books Dressed in her Minnie Mouse costume, Paulina Kawalec, junior, takes notes over AP U.S. History on Halloween. "A group of us came over to my house dressed in our costumes to study and do homework," Paulina said. "We wanted to get studying done, but still have fun."

students had a change in pace during their art classes with perspective drawings and paintings

bringing ideas to life

paintbrush gripped tightly, Kelan Harish, senior, paints thick lines across his paper. Kelan was among the only upperclassmen in Introduction to 2D Art. "I had to take an art class to fulfill the graduation requirement," Kelan said. "It was kind of weird being one of the only upperclassmen in the class, so part of me wishes I didn't wait so long to take it." **tracing along her ruler,** Heather Born, sophomore, tries to recreate the hallway in her perspective drawing for Introduction to 2D Art. "We had to sit in one place in the hallway so we could have the same perspective when we drew the lines that made up the drawing," Heather said.

dropping the ball Partner by her side, Omnya Zaman, junior, prepares to drop a ball bearing down a ramp in Physics. "We were measuring the velocity of the marble rolling down the ramp," Omnya said. "It gave us a better understanding of velocity and how it can be affected by a tilted ramp."

read between the lines At the front of the class, Niko Ingoglia, junior, presents a Powerpoint on how he interpreted a short story in AP English Literature and Composition. "It was really scary," Niko said. "It was one of the first things we did all year, and the entire class was really scared of Mrs. Daugherty because no one really knew her that well, so we were all afraid she'd call us out in front of the class."

outside the lines

between the morning and after school bells, through lunches and study halls, Crier works numerous hours before sending their publication to press

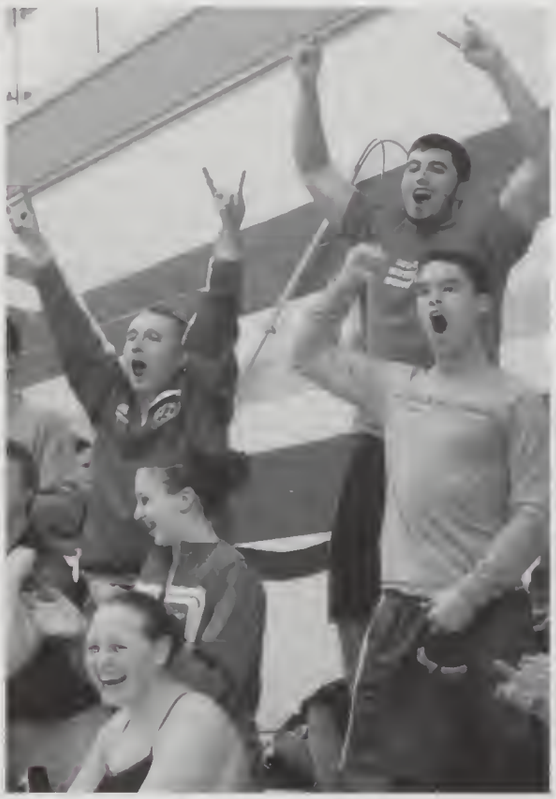
IT WAS TUESDAY. The tables and chairs of N155 were being rearranged. *Crier*, the newspaper, was ready to plan their next issue.

"The purpose of EB (editorial board) is to come up with ideas we would want to cover for the next issue," Managing Editor Cassie Eberle, junior, said. "We would come in with ideas from other publications like the *Chicago Tribune* or other student-run publications. They would mostly be ideas that students should know about, like a new law concerning them or something interesting that students are doing. We write our paper for the students."

The *Crier* staff was among the first to arrive at school in the morning, scheduling interviews during contact time and finishing up work in the Pub, and among the last to leave at night, working till dark to finish up deadline. *Crier* may have been a class, but the group's dynamic did not fit in with the traditional classroom setting.

"We do have a teacher, but the class is mostly self-sufficient," Cassie said. "We are always running to other parts of the school to interview or take pictures. Even though *Crier* is a lot of work, having it in my schedule is a nice break from the normal class lectures that I had all day in the rest of my classes."

egg education Suspense in the air, Cassidy Cusick, sophomore, checks to see if her egg survived the drop. Earth Space students had to create a vessel that would keep an egg from breaking when dropped from the bleachers. "It was a really fun experiment," Cassidy said. "I got to understand it better by actually doing it. It wouldn't have been the same just reading it from a book."

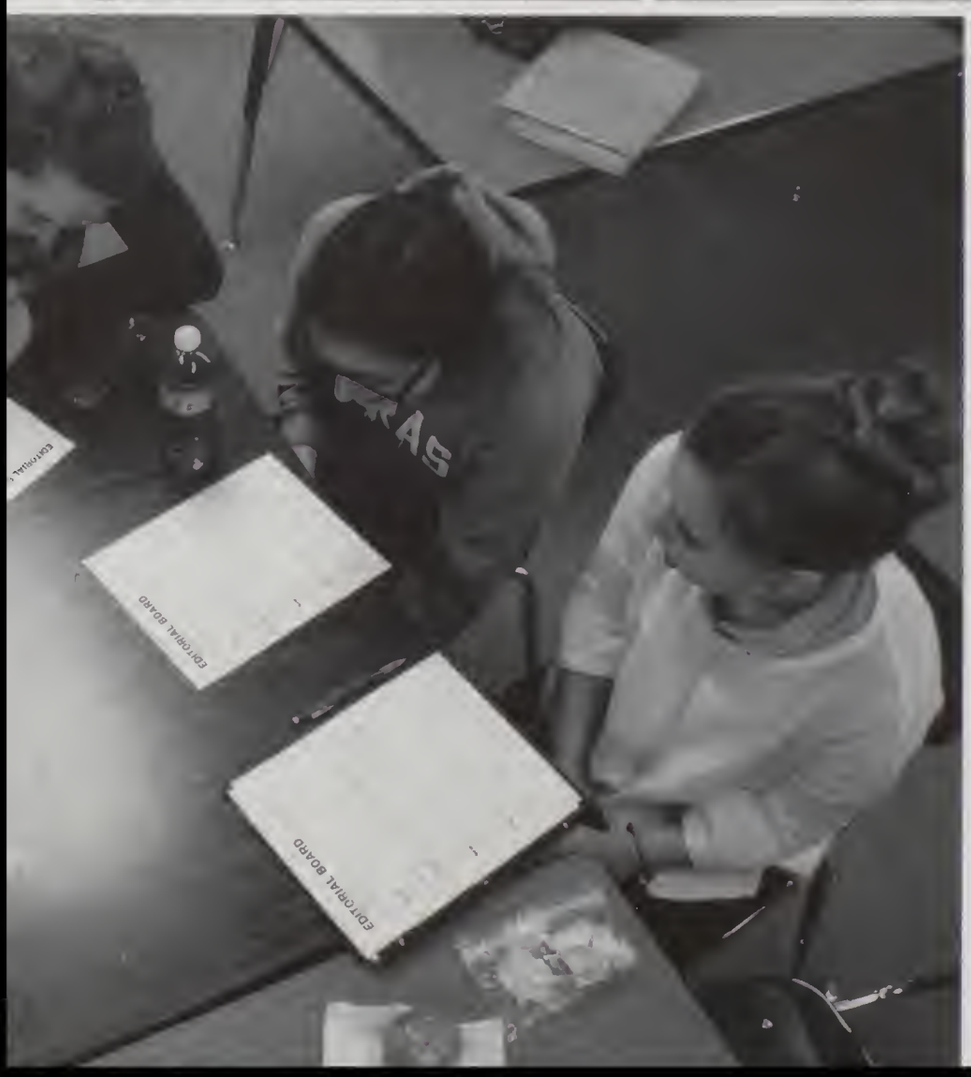


swim support Cheering and shouting, seniors Doug Yokovich, Nick Simic and Miles Gunty encourage their teammates while they race. "The team has a bunch of different personalities," Nick said. "We'd all come together to make a really weird family with a huge desire to win."

clay creations Fixing the handle of her vase, Ashley Angotti, senior, assembles her assignment in Ceramics class. "Since it was my senior year, I let myself take a class I really wanted to take," Ashley said. "With all my senior classes, I liked having a more relaxed class I can go to during the day."

spin and sculpt Spinning the clay wheel, Katie Sanders, sophomore, patiently shapes her pot during Ceramics 2. "The biggest difference between Ceramics 1 and 2 is that in Ceramics 1, you could only mold and sculpt clay. You wouldn't get to use the clay wheel until Ceramics 2," Katie said. "I liked using the wheel way better because you get your pot more even around the sides."

partner project During a DECA study session, seniors Jessica Ivetich and Rachel Corradin joke around while working on their presentation for the Internationals in Anaheim, California. "We originally said that we wouldn't go to Internationals because it conflicted with Prom," Jessica said. "But all of our friends also qualified, so we decided we wouldn't really need to go to Prom because we'd all be together having fun in California anyway."



noteworthy Seats arranged in a semicircle, the Chorale followed Mr. William Woods, music teacher, as he led the group in the front. Having choir as a class allowed many people to receive credit for doing what they loved. "I loved being in Chorale just because all the people treat you like a family and Mr. Woods would always joke around with us," Steven Caraher, junior, said.

on the board Food and drink scattered across the table, juniors, Nikki Mammano and Lauren Rouse, Selena Ceja, senior, and Gigi Urbaniak, sophomore, work on Editorial Board during Crier. "We would usually bring food to EB because they take about two hours, so we would work through lunch and study hall," Gigi said.

spitting image Sisters and lab partners alike, juniors Elizabeth and Caroline Beckman take turns viewing slides through a microscope and writing down their observations in Human Anatomy. "We went from wombmates to roommates to lab partners," Caroline said.

study buddies During lunch, Allison Frankland, junior and her boyfriend Adam Bogs, senior work together to find a recipe to make for the Superbowl. "At first I said, 'I'm never going to date a red head because we're going to look related,'" Allison said.

just the two of us

brought together by the speech team, juniors, Nick Siano and Josh Shalen foster their friendship without compromising their top spot

The story began freshman year in Mr. Jordan Mayer's Advanced Speech class. Now juniors, Nick Siano and Josh Shalen went from being faces in the hall to duo partners to best friends.

"Prior to Speech, we never really talked or hung out with each other," Josh said. "Mr. Mayer was talking about each person doing a second event, and Nick and I immediately looked at each other and mouthed, 'Duo!'"

That year, the two freshmen went on to be State champions in Scripted Duo.

"Nick and I kind of went into shock," Josh said. "The whole situation was surreal to us."

After that, Nick and Josh competed as a duo each year, consistently placing as one of the top duos in the state. With the hours of practice they put in to develop a strong duo, they also developed a strong friendship.

"Speech was really the whole catalyst. We didn't really know each other, and now he's one of my best friends. We still have inside jokes from our freshman year," Josh said. "We've spent so much time together now, and we like a lot of the same things. Sometimes we would come to school dressed very similarly, and people would always accuse us of planning our outfits, but those were just weird coincidences. We both like sweaters and argyle, and sometimes that would happen. It's because we're so in-sync. I can always tell what he's thinking. Even when no one else can see it, we know when the other person is happy or upset or annoyed."

like looking in a mirror Sitting in almost identical positions, juniors, Nick Siano and Josh Shalen eat chips and talk Speech. "We were going over how our rounds went, talking about the competition and bonding over some Doritos," Nick said. "We finish each other's sentences all time, we talk the same and we dress the same."

seahorse spirit Having just swum her 100 fly, Mia Torres, junior, hugs Rachel Chen, senior, as she learns that she dropped seven seconds from her time. "That was my first time swimming since I came back from diving, so I was freaking out before my race," Mia said. "Rachel was giving me advice before I swam, and I ran up to her when I finished. She she was like my older sister because I didn't have one, and I knew her since I was six."

backstage romance Sitting at the edge of the stage, Michael Peters, senior, and Morgan Papesh, junior, hold character as Pippin and Catherine in Munster Theatre Company's production of *Pippin*. "Working with Michael during *Pippin* was an awesome experience," Morgan said. "Not only did I get to spend time with my boyfriend, but he also helped me grow as an artist."

wait so... who's older?

one of the most popuar questions twins face is, "Which one of you was born first?"

the Baker twins
Alex and Max, sophomores

the Beckman twins
Caroline and Elizabeth, juniors

the Dorn twins
Andrew and Ellie, sophomores

the Kalluri twins
Revati and Rohini, sophomores

the Kasper twins
Mackenzie and Madeline, seniors

the McDowell twins
Jackson and Jamie, freshmen

the Pluard twins
Adam and Eric, seniors

answers: Max Baker, Elizabeth Beckman, Andrew Dorn, Revati Kalluri, Mackenzie Kasper, Sylvie Kristoff, Jack McDowel, Adam Pluard

dancing queens Accompanied by their parents, seniors Madeline and Mackenzie Kasper walk down to the floor on Senior Night. "The best part of being on the dance team with her (Mackenzie) was always having my best friend there to support me and enjoy the experience with me,"

"kondureshi" Rackets in hand, seniors Taha Qureshi and Nathan Kondamuri talk to Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher, between games. Nathan played singles for the first time this year. "It was definitely tough without him next to me this year, but he still came to all the matches and cheered us on. Like we would always say, 'You can't stop us, You can only hope to contain us.'"

sweet gestures Frosting in hand, Abigail Wagner, freshman, takes a break from icing her cookie to admire freshman, Kayley Gruber's decoration. "My relationship with Kayley has developed into a great friendship," Abigail said. "I think she is a great person and friend."

making a difference During line time, Annilee Taylor, junior, circles around with the children to play games. "Line time was something we did a couple times a day." Annilee said. "I liked it a lot because it was one of the only things we all did together. It was a nice way to have all of the kids together and see them doing the same thing."

top 10 video games

popular amongst students, video games were talked about and anticipated all year

1. The Last of Us
2. Tomb Raider
3. Dead Space 3
4. Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance
5. God of War: Ascension
6. Beyond: Two Souls
7. Gears of War: Judgement
8. GTA V
9. Star Trek
10. Bio Shock Infinite

source: gadgets.ndtv.com

work hard, play hard Racket in full swing, Erica Tritsch, senior, focuses on keeping the ball low and in the court while she hits the ball with a back-hand slice. "I loved the feeling of working really hard throughout a match and finally coming off the court with a win," Erica said.

practice makes perfect As he concentrates on playing, George Jurincie, sophomore, gets ready to play at an Orchestra concert. "It was a good feeling knowing that you were doing good at what you had been working on for a few weeks," George said.

pass go In AP US History, juniors Paulina Kawalec and Pam Muangmingsuk enjoy a day of Monopoly. "Monopoly in APUSH was a nice break from the lectures and serious subjects we usually discussed," Pam said. "It changed my view on Monopoly. I always thought it was a boring game that never ended."

the road to the show

the Munster Theatre Company goes through stages to produce a play

auditions Trying out for the "Switching Principals" novice show, Thomas Speranza, freshman, acts out his role. "I decided to try out for a novice play because I wanted to have a bigger role in the play," Thomas said.

rehearsal Rehearsing for "The Sound of Music," Morgan Papesh, junior, and Rachel Borgo, senior, practice and memorize their lines. Rehearsals were fundamental in producing a good show.

behind the scenes Painting Maddie O'Dea, sophomore's, make up for "Alice in Wonderland," Erin Chant, senior, helps the actors to get ready for the play. "Maddie was a flower(in the show)," Erin said. "I'm creative and I think face painting is fun, so I did all of the flowers."

it's play time

working with children allowed some students to earn money and have fun at the same time

EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL Annilee Taylor, junior, runs to her job at Children of the Earth Montessori Preschool. She spent her hours taking care of kids and playing games with them.

"I got there around three," Annilee said. "We had line time which was where we sang songs and played games, like Simon Says or Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

Taking care of children wasn't a typical job in high school, but Annilee enjoyed the experience.

"I loved spending time with kids," Annilee said. "It wasn't easy, but I loved doing it."

Though babysitting was a difficult task, it developed more responsibility in students, according to Annilee.

"My job was different because they treated me like an adult," Annilee said. "It wasn't like working at an ice cream place where they still saw me as just a teenager."

There was a huge difference between working at food places and taking care of little kids who depended on her to know what she was doing, according to Annilee.

"This job isn't like working at any restaurant where it feels like just another job," Annilee said. "Here I felt like I was making an impact on people's lives and actually helping them."

game time Focused on his laptop, Cody Baker, senior, plays a game online. "Playing games on my laptop helped me to get through the day," Cody said.

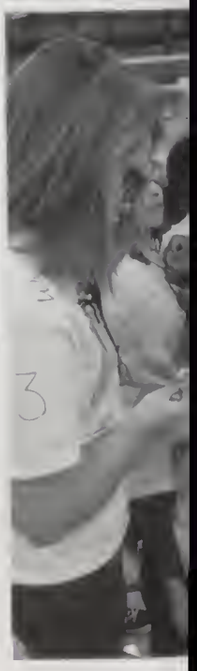
opening day Acting out "Pippin," Emmy Georgas, junior, holds up her sword. "I was just thinking about getting the choreography right during that part of the show because we didn't actually have it all figured out until the week before we opened," Emmy said.

fun learning Reviewing problem sets, Amanda Milojkovitch, junior, volunteers in math games for National Honors Society. "I thought the games helped students," Amanda said. "They needed to learn, but they also needed to have fun while learning so that they would want to continue learning."

playing art Bow in hand, Haley Moles, junior, plays her cello. "A lot of people think classical music is too old-fashioned and boring, but I never saw it that way," Haley said. "Being in an orchestra wasn't just about playing classical music; it was about bringing a work of art to life and evoking the spirit of music that you and your audience could enjoy."

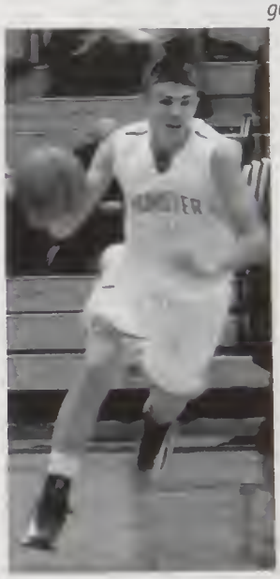
storm the court Taking over Andrean's basketball court, Munster fans celebrate the close win against Andrean. "It was awesome," Paul DeRolf, junior, said. "It felt great anytime we beat them because we got bragging rights for a whole year."

seahorse spirit Hands low, Zach Simic, freshman, along with the rest of the swim team, cheers back and forth between teams for their divers. The team used these cheers to pump them up before big rival meets, according to Zach. "It was always fun trying to be as loud as we could," Zach said.



rival rundown

the rivalry between Andrean and Munster heightened with two point guards who played together in AAU



Michael Schlotman
Munster senior
- 6'3" point guard
- 10.5 points per game
- 5 rebounds per game
- 1.8 assists per game
- season record: 22-0
- committed to College of William & Mary

Nick Davidson
Andrean senior
- 6'4" point guard
- 17.7 points per game
- 4.1 rebounds per game
- 3.6 assists per game
- season record: 17-3
- committed to Valparaiso University

down the court Dribbling down the court, Michael Schlotman, senior, battles rival Andrean. Michael and Nick Davidson played on the same team as elementary students, now playing against each other in high school.

make a run for it Arms pumping, Scott Farley, sophomore, moves ahead of a Lake Central runner at one of the first Boys' Cross Country meets of the season. Since it was the beginning of the season, the runners prepared for improvement throughout the season. "My time wasn't the best," Scott said. "But I knew I would improve as the year went on."

warm fuzzy Carefully tying on warm fuzzies, Katie Gajewski, senior, spends the day with fifth graders for Snowflurry. The high school counselors helped the fifth graders start the transition into middle school, spending the day with them and doing various activities. "Helping out the little kids felt awesome," Katie said. "They made me so happy because I loved helping them however I could."

get ready, get set At the side lines during Sectionals Xavier Hofferth-Pettis, sophomore, and teammates stand at the ready for when they were needed on the field. "I was pumped and prepared to go in the field if I had to," Xavier said.

it's just us vs. them

school rivalries play a key role in competitions, athletics and students social lives

EVERYONE HOLDS THEIR BREATH. With 14 seconds left, Munster barely holds the lead by two points. Andrean's point guard shoots a three. Munster's student section stares wide-eyed at the basket. As the ball falls short, the buzzer sounds, and the court floods with red and white.

"After we won, we stormed the court," Jill Rademacher, senior, said. "You could tell the tension was in the air the whole game. But it felt like we cleared a huge hurdle when we won."

School rivalries played an important role in several aspects. Whether it was athletics, academics or club competitions, the battle between Munster and surrounding schools in the Region raged on.

"It kept us on the edge because we always wanted to go above and beyond what someone else or another school could do," Olivia Loang, sophomore, said.

Despite the competition between schools, students developed friendships with students from other schools. Many students meet through out-of-school activities, recreational sports or even previous schooling.

"I met my friends from my parents' friends and sports," Collin Sroge, sophomore, said. "I really enjoy being friends with them, but we still have a friendly rivalry."

However, though friendships have formed, there were underlying stereotypes attached to the school. Whether they were good or bad, they still formed the opinions of others, and only added fuel to the competitive atmosphere.

fact vs. fiction

students from other schools give their opinions about Munster, shedding light on stereotypes and myths

Maria Scott
Lowell High School
"I think Munster homework is really hard."

Ryan Burkist
Highland High School
"They're rich. They have a really good sports team and their pool is awesome."

Haley Delgado
Morton High School
"I think it's fancy, everyone there is smart."

Austin Tucker
T.F. South High School
"It's a cool place. I hear it's good educational wise."

munster compliments

with over a thousand likes on Facebook, the Munster Compliments page triggered a sense of kindness throughout the school as students submitted anonymous compliments to each other

Munster Compliments
Jan 1
Bilal Siddiqui
You are a man that never gives up you stride for goals and you don't stop even when you have them ur a great friend ur funny and sometimes you get out of control but that's just one of ur unique talents. KEEP BEING WHO YOU ARE

Like • Comment

Munster Compliments
Apr 9
Hailey Estes, You are one of the most amazing people I know:) I can always count on your for help & advice, and can trust you with anything. Not to mention, you're absolutely gorgeous and extremely talented! Honestly, I want to be like you someday:) You're perfect, never change :)
Like • Comment

Munster Compliments
Apr 16
To: Everybody
You are all beautiful people everyone of you. No matter your physical feature you all are beautiful in one way or another. Fellow students I ask one thing of you... To stay beautiful and never forget you're here for a reason :) Go show the world that Munster Mustangs can do and make us all proud
Like • Comment

source: Munster Compliments Facebook page

front and center As she stands in front of the members in Poetry Club, Allison Levin, sophomore, presents the lines of a monologue from "Julius Caesar." "My favorite part of poetry is reading or watching other poets' work," Allison said. "I think if you put your emotion into a poem, and it tells a story or puts an image in your head, then it's a good poem."

just dance Standing in the front row, Jane Sannito, sophomore, and the rest of the Dance team readies themselves for their Poms routine. Remaining in sync and staying together were a key factor to performing well at competitions, according to Jane. "The judges nailed us about being in sync with each other and about being on with the music and steps," Jane said. "I felt like our dance team had always been good at dancing together."

line it up After waiting in the long lunch line, Max Lundin, senior, scoops some food onto his tray. Many students dealt with the long lunch lines everyday. "Luckily my fourth hour class was really close to the lunch room," Max said. "My main goal was to get to the door first, run if necessary, and push freshmen out of the way if I needed to."

draw the line Focusing on the drawing before them, Kalin Bradley, sophomore, Evan Kattan, senior, and Priscilla Rivera, sophomore, recreate the image they see outside the window with charcoal and chalk in Drawing class."In the hallway, we were able to get a view of outside," Kalin said. "The sun was a better light source than a classroom light and created better shadows. I liked the assignment a lot. I had a lot of fun trying out new things with charcoal and chalk."

fall into line While playing the trumpet, Erik Rhodes, junior, stands beside Delaney Mendez, freshman, as they practice for a Marching Band competition. Marching Band excelled to the State competition for the second year in a row placing eighth.

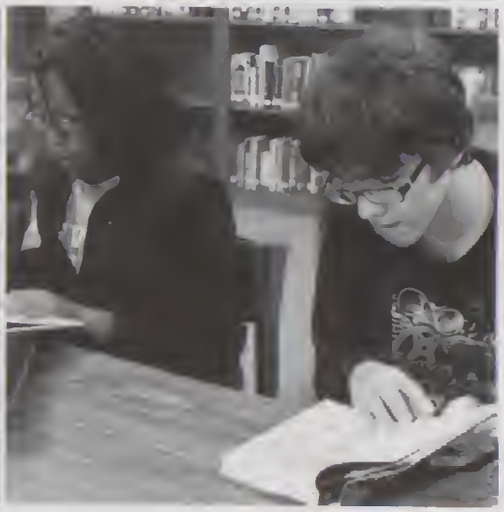
winning argument As Logan Mohrs, freshman, stands behind the podium, he presents his Congressional Debate speech during Debate class. "Debate class was fun because the topics were interesting and fun to talk about," Logan said. "During speeches, I would try to look at everyone's faces to see if they understood what I was talking about and see if they were interested."

singing to the beat Sight reading his music, Martin Bustalino, senior, practices for Chorale State qualifications with his class. "When I joined choir during sophomore year, I found it pretty difficult to sight read," Martin said. "As I moved up from beginning to intermediate and then chorale, it got easier for me to comprehend the music and to read it as well."

between the lines

with schoolwork and after school activities, students read numerous amounts of books

nose in her book, Kelsey Lynch, sophomore, studies for the Academic Super Bowl competition by reading "The Odyssey." "The book was a much greater challenge to read than many of the other books that I read for fun," Kelsey said. "However, I did enjoy the literary aspects of the book and reading a classic." **flipping through the pages,** Max Baker, sophomore, sits next to Asia Benson, senior, as they read "The Fault in Our Stars" for Book Club. "My favorite part about reading is getting lost in the story and characters," Max said. "If the book is good, then the story takes on a life of its own." **during Academic Super Bowl practice,** Charles DeCesaris, sophomore, reads "Lords of the Sea" in order to prepare for competition. "I enjoyed expanding my knowledge of Greece and handling harder material than what I usually got in my classes," Charles said.



to the winning line

striving to work their hardest, students aim to perform their best and win in everything from academics to athletics

AFTER A DAY packed with Congressional debate rounds, Sameer Chintamani, senior, breathes a sigh of relief as he rides the bus home, knowing he worked to his full potential at the meet which allowed him to qualify for Speech and Debate Nationals.

"Knowing that I worked hard to prepare for the meet really paid off when I won," Sameer said. "I felt really happy that all those hours of practice, research and everything that I needed to do to prepare not only for this debate, but others, paid off."

Having the strive to win did not just stop at debate meets. Athletes like Brittany Barajas, sophomore, also felt the motivation to perform their best and win.

"The thought of another runner being faster than me definitely motivated me because there would always be a faster runner out there," Brittany said. "I used that as motivation because I wanted to become the best runner I could be."

Whether it was winning a debate round or crossing the finish line, students felt accomplished after winning something they worked hard at.

"Passing the finish line after running a stellar race was honestly one of the best feelings in life," Brittany said. "Nothing was more rewarding than working your butt off and giving everything to beat that other runner."

a little bit of sweet talk

whether asking dates to dances or selling brownies at bakes sales, students encounter sweetness on a daily basis

AMIDST A BUSTLING POOL DECK full of swimmers, coaches and officials getting ready for a meet against Valparasio, Stevi Briggs, senior, prepares to ask her boyfriend of three years, Brandon Armagast, senior, to Turnabout. Stevi holds the poster she decorated for the occasion and stands in front of Brandon in anticipation.

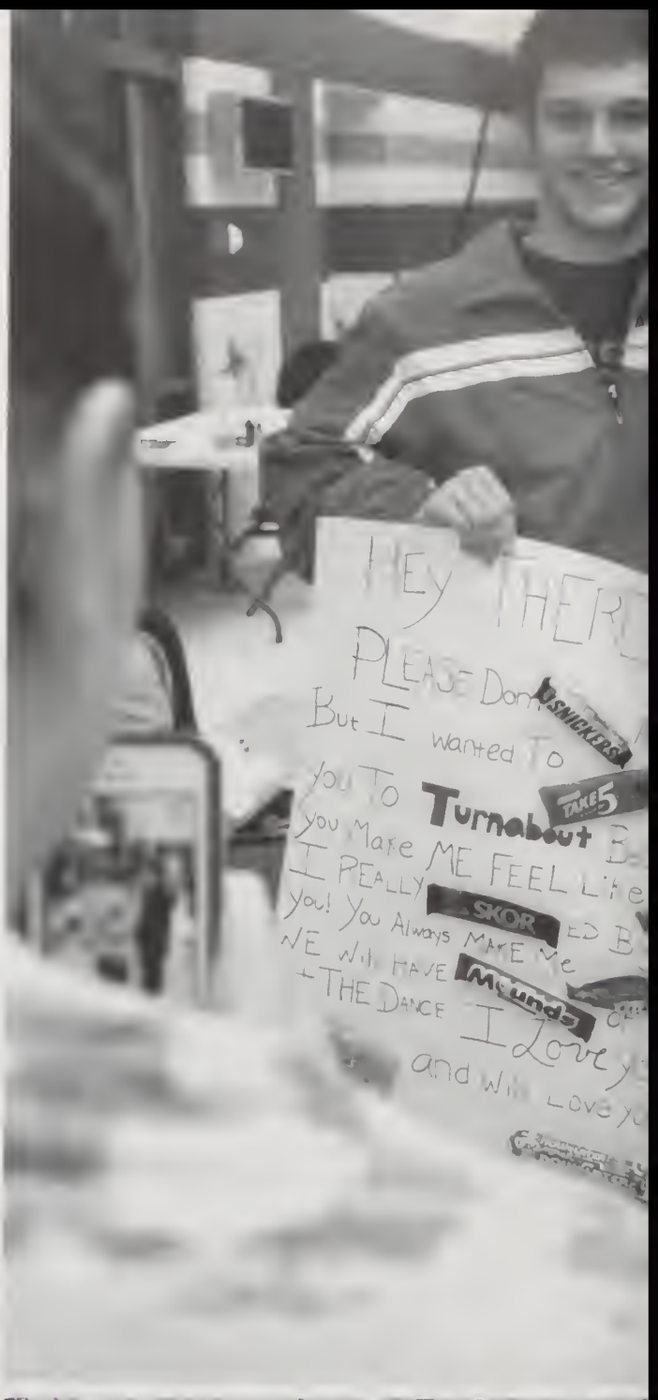
"I thought how she asked me was different and cute," Brandon said. "I really liked that she put a lot of thought into making the poster. It had a poem on it asking me to Turnabout, but instead of some words, it had candy replacing them."

For many, asking their potential dates to the dance was almost as exciting as the actual dance itself. Students looked to online sources for ideas on how to ask their dates to the dance.

"I was inspired by something I saw on Pintrest," Stevi said. "I saw a poster like it and changed it so that it would fit for Turnabout."

Even though the two had been dating for close to three years, they were never able to attend Turnabout together due to schedule conflicts.

"We usually didn't go to Turnabout because it was the same day as Boys' State for swimming," Stevi said. "But it was our senior year, so we really wanted to go."



rosy posey Smile spreading across her face, Lupita Alvarado, senior, receives a flower on Valentine's Day. "My super awesome best friend, Victoria Chinnam (senior), gave it to me," Lupita said. "I was honestly surprised and touched that she thought of me."

sweet success Box of candy before her, Beckey Seligman, junior, zips up her money pouch during study hall after someone's purchase. "I sold candy to raise money for my trip to Antarctica the following winter," Beckey said. "People were always really hungry during study hall because it was right before lunch. After a while, my customers became pretty regular, and I could predict what they were going to buy."

hand in hand After school at Speech practice, Julianne Rice, sophomore, and Harry Goldenberg, junior, practice Julianne's speech piece. "Harry was helping me out with my dramatic interpretation," Julianne said. "In my piece, I was Jaycee Lee Dugard, who was kidnapped at the age of eleven and held captive for eighteen years. It was a very sentimental piece, so Harry was trying to get me to dig deep and think about what it would be like if I hadn't seen my mother for that long, feeling as if there was no hope."

eye candy Poster in hand, Brandon Armagast, senior, poses for a picture before the start of a swim meet against Valparasio with Stevi Briggs, senior, after being asked to Turnabout. "Everyone always found cool and creative ways to ask their dates to dances," Brandon said.

sweet nothings

STANDY grams allow students to send various compliments to one another

- "Thanks for always being there for me."
- "Aside from food, you're my favorite."
- "You can do anything you put your mind to."
- "We all have that one best friend we don't talk to anymore, I am glad that's not you."

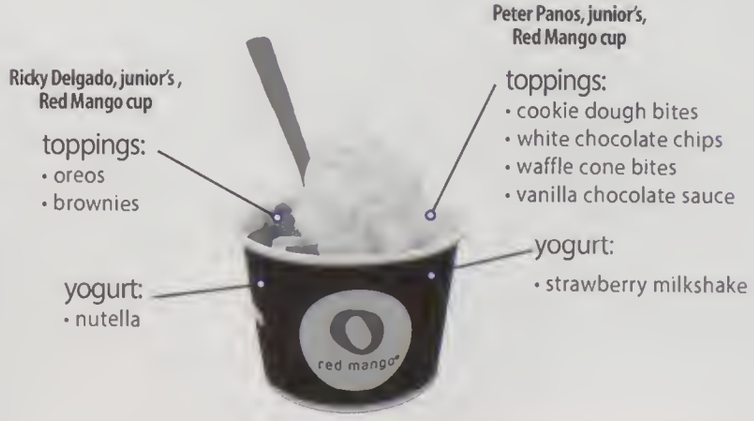
source: Laurel Curran, sophomore

piece of cake Cutting a slice of chocolate cake, Paulina Kawalec, junior, and Sydney Kawalec, sophomore, serve themselves at the French club Mardi Gras party. "The cake was really rich," Paulina said. "But overall, the food was really good. I had a lot of fun at the party."

sweet tooth Money in hand, Seung Lee, sophomore, prepares to purchase a whole plate of brownies. "There were about nine or ten brownies on the plate I bought," Seung said. "I loved bake sales. I thought they were the most appealing to students because most people had a sweet tooth."

anatomy of a red mango cup

workers at Red Mango share their favorite frozen yogurt and topping combinations



source: juniors Ricky Delgado and Peter Panos

the best of the best

students discuss their favorite foods, music and moments of the year

THE ANTICIPATED DAY has finally arrived: Buffalo Bites are back. With food as their motivating factor, students rush to the cafeteria and wait in stretched-out lines for a taste. For two years, the popular cafeteria lunch item disappeared from the lunchroom. However, to the surprise of the students, Buffalo Bites suddenly reappeared on the new spring lunch calendar. The change erupted excitement from Buffalo Bites loyal fans. Some even posting funny status about their return.

"They(Buffalo Bites) were the same as I remember from my freshmen year," Russel Doctor, senior, said.

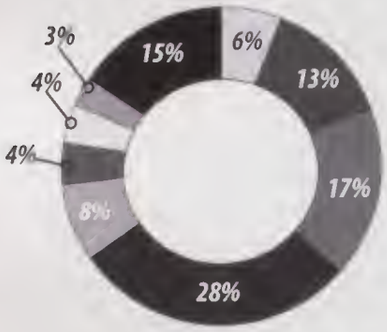
Besides Buffalo Bites, each student had their own day on the lunch calendar that they looked forward to. For Erin Chant, senior, the Salad Bar was a healthy, satisfying, and tasty option for lunch.

"You could add whatever dressing or toppings to it that you want, and the soups were always good too," Erin said. "My favorite was the days when we'd get muffins, too."

From Buffalo Bites to Salad Bars, lunch served as a time to take a break from class and enjoy food and friends.

a lunch divided

students looked forward to certain lunch days during the week



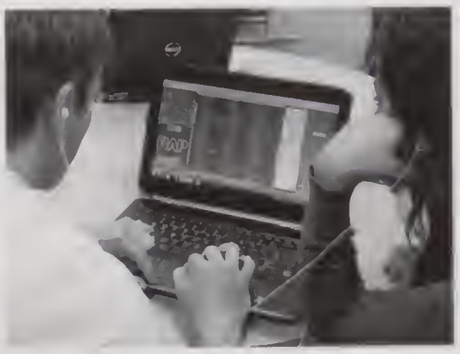
homemade pizza
design a salad
buffalo chicken
rotini
bosco sticks
mini corn dogs
other
mashed potato bowl
french toast sticks

source: survey of 643 students conducted on April 19

out on the town

the perfect playlist

from rap to hip-hop to pop, students comment on their current favorite radio hits



musically diverse Splitting their earphones, seniors Nick Cosseyleon and Alexis DeLuna listen to a Spotify playlist. Spotify complied a users favorite music into one. "I liked all types of music, but my favorites were country and rap, which is funny because they are like total opposites," Alexis said.

1. **"Bugatti" by Ace Hood**
   -Lucas Newell, freshman
2. **"Heart Attack" by Demi Lovato**
   -Jessica Layous, sophomore
3. **"Little Talks" by Of Monsters and Men**
   -Alison Frankland, junior
4. **"Can't Hold Us" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis**
   -Shivram Chandromuli, senior

lunch break Laughing with his friends, Jenson Huang, freshman, eats a meatball sub sandwich, one of this favorite lunches. Students looked forward to certain days of the lunch calendar. "I liked it because it was tasty and meaty," Jenson said. "My favorite lunch was homemade pizza though because it made me feel like a real American."

getting the gold

students earn awards in numerous clubs and sports teams

DECA
first in State with 46 International qualifiers

Science Olympiad
first time winning State

Speech
first at State and broke Staterecord with 23 people in final round and seven State champs

Robotics
second place for the first time at Regionals

Crier
seventh at Nationals for Best in Show

Paragon
fifth at Nationals for Best in Show

Boys' Basketball
continued a four-year streak after their win at Sectionals

Dance
first in State

Boys' Swimming and Diving
broke a state record with their 28 consecutive Sectional win

Girls' Swimming and Diving
first at Sectionals with a five-year streak

Boys' Tennis
Sectional and Regional Champions

Girls' Soccer
Conference Champions and best overall win-loss record in school history

Boys' Soccer
11-year Sectional streak

sweet victory Together, seniors Tania Cordova and Kendall Goldberg cut into a cake at DECA awards night. The duo received second place in their event, Buying and Merchandising, at DECA State. "Munster was really blessed to have supportive parents and teachers who were willing to help our team achieve greatness," Tania said.

standing proud Ribbons in hand, Emily Wimmer, senior, and Mary Bridget Baeza, sophomore, stand on a block to recieve their ribbons. Mary Bridget placed first in the 100 Breaststroke with Emily tollowing in second. "I was glad to have my hig seashorse sister share that opportunity with me," Mary Bridget said.

with new restaurants open on Calumet Avenue, students had new favorite places to go out to eat

at the DECA fundraiser night, seniors Andrew Alvarez and Aishariya Bandyopadhyay laugh over their Five Guys meal. For the fundraiser night, students were able to eat at the local hotspot while supporting their school club. "It was really nice for Five Guys to give ten percent proceeds to our team," Aishariya said. **exchanging funny stories from their weeks,** seniors Rachel Borgo and Erin Chant relax at Panera. Panera was a favorite amongst students because of its great food and calm atmosphere, according to Erin. "I love the atmosphere the most," Erin said. "It just gets you in the mood to have a long talk with friends or to just grab a bite to eat!"

and that's an app!

students vote on their favorite smart phone applications

source: survey of 643 students conducted on April 19

up to the challenge

AP Chemimstry students participated in the Lexus Eco Challenge where the goal involved raising awareness over an environmental issue. Juniors Thomas Bolanowski, Luis Dominguez, Akhilesh Mishra, Saam Mojtahed, Colin Richter, Akash Shah and Joe Yurek made final rounds and received a $10,000 prize for their project which raised awareness about regularly changing PCV valves on cars. The group created pcvpatchers.webs.com as part of their media campaign.

11/25
- Papers and reports started

12/2
- E-mail sent to the town council

12/13
- Car emissions with regular PCV valve changes tested

12/14
- All background research on PCV valves completed.

12/15
- Project completed and submitted

1/15
- PCV Patchers qualified for final round of the Lexus Eco Challenge

source: pcvpatchers.webs.com

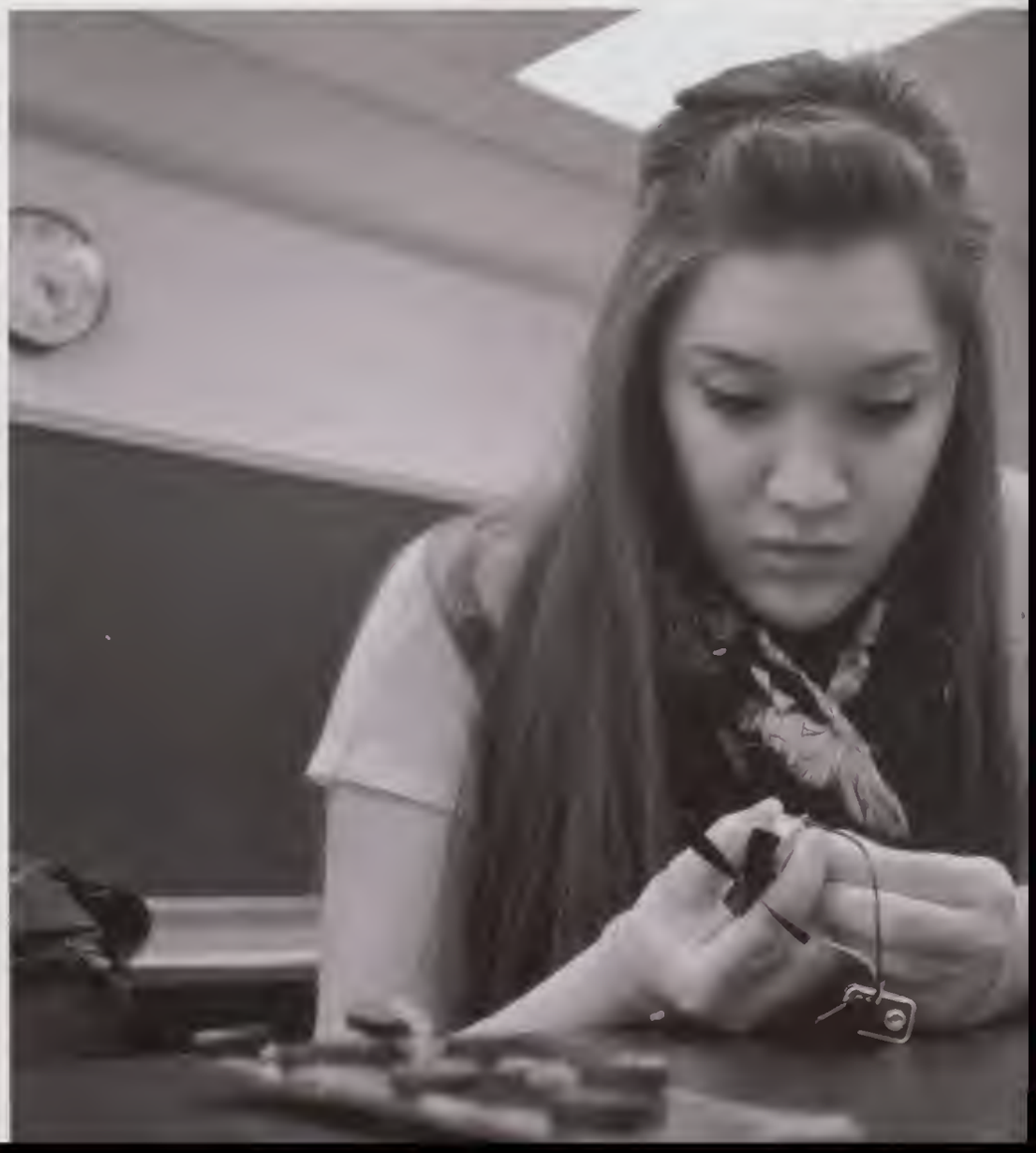
group work Checking papers, juniors Joe Yurek and Akash Shah examine their PCV valve project. "Working in groups allowed you to see what you were learning from two perspectives," Joe said. "If there was a part of the lesson that you didn't understand, you could quickly ask your partner to explain it."

share the weight Unable to carry her backpack because of a back injury, Colleen Lusk, sophomore, walks through North as Maggie Gerher, sophomore, assists by holding her items. "Sometimes it got annoying because I could not be independent," Colleen said. "I had to wait for a person, but they felt a sense of pride when they did it."

hospital helper At the register, Laurissa Portillo, sophomore, substitutes for a worker at the Community Hospital gift shop. "I want to go into the medical field when I'm older," Laurissa said. "This was a good work environment, and you got to interact with a lot of visitors."

practice makes perfect Studying for his Water Quality Event, Devin Zuck, senior, plugs in equations into his practice test. "It (the water quality event) was a combination of general ecology and identification," Devin said. "The ecology was much more interesting than the identification, but both parts were equally valued for the event."

stay steady Fingers on the battery, Captain Jessica Avina, junior, practices for her Maglev event, which involved powering a car to reach max speeds even with the weight of the batteries. "I was soldering wires on batteries," Jessica said. "I had a car and I was trying to power it."



step up and help out

Project X members met their four hours of volunteer work per month in various ways

homemade turkey in hand, Emma Nossem, junior, proudly displays her card for a local family's Thanksgiving care basket to other Project X members. Even though the cards were not originally planned for the activity, Emma wanted to add the card for a more personal feel."I asked if making a card would be okay and Mrs. Rodriguez said 'go for it,' " Emma said. "I knew what struggling to afford things was like, so I was excited to get to help those families out." **outside the loading dock,** Ross Hobbs, junior, reaches his monthly requirement of recycling during study hall. "I recycled to cover the rest of my hours I was unable to do outside of school," Ross said. "I liked it because I didn't mind doing it and it was a way to get out of class for a bit." **counting food,** Maya Portillo, senior, helps with the Thanksgiving care baskets. "I really enjoyed volunteering for that," Maya said. "It was about putting yourself in someone else's shoes. I wanted to make a difference."

step right up

students stepped up to reach their goals whether for clubs, academics or families in the community

WALKING UP TO THE STAGE, Bala Chockalingam, sophomore, and Michael Peters, senior, prepare to receive their first place awards in the Material Science event. As the competition announces individual placing per events, the team slowly begins to realize that they will be the first team in Munster history to win Science Olympiad State.

"Before they announced the winning team, we could figure it out," Coach Patrick O'Neill said. "They were so excited. It was almost surreal. I was nervous going into competition because I believed they deserved to win. Their expertise in their events was stronger than a lot of undergraduates."

Starting the season earlier by attending invitationals helped the team with its victory, according to Captain Jessica Avina, junior.

"With invitationals, we had a lot more preparation," Jessica said. "Normally, we had intense practices in February for competition in March. But because of invitationals, we started prepping in October as opposed to January."

Some students believed the earlier schedule added stress due to less preparation time.

"As the days drew closer to the competition, you began to realize how much you still had to do," Brian Araya, freshman, said. "Mostly, it was just trying to get everything in very solid shape quickly and efficiently, and then trying to build on top of that."

In the end, the extra practice paid off at State, according to Bala.

"The invitationals helped us to get more in the mind set," Bala said. "We were like a well-oiled machine, and we swept at State."

to the extreme

We walked into the building on each day of Spirit Week, dressed to impress in another ridiculous costume and a competitive attitude. The purpose of Spirit Week may have been to unite the student body and increase school pride, but we knew it secretly meant trying to outdress our classmates, striving to be the among the most memorable.

As the year progressed, we proved that no matter the occasion, we found a reason to celebrate. We filled a box with helium balloons to ask someone to Turnabout, showing that it was not enough simply to ask someone to a dance verbally. We danced for four hours straight to raise money Riley's Children's Hospital, showing that we could find a way to raise money and have fun doing it. From the littlest detail to the big day itself, students availed every opportunity to turn even a simple event into an extravagant celebration.

We showcased our talent at Battle of the Bands, but it was more than a traditional rock concert–we played up our other strengths, incorporating instruments like trumpet and saxophone. The Munster Theatre Company transformed the auditorium into Wonderland with colorful lights and sets. From the first read-through of the script to the final dress rehearsal, the thespians put their heart into their characters.

It's the in hours of planning. It's in the moments of spontaneity. It's in the months, weeks, days leading up to an event. It's our pride and enthusiasm that gives every event a sense of

extravagance

sweat and shades | Sunglasses on and sweat dripping off his face, Max Lundin, senior, takes a break from the 80's morning workout during Spirit Week. Max had come straight from morning swim practice and changed into his costume for Decades Day. "I was already tired from morning swim practice, so I started running around the school, and profuse sweating ensued," Max said. "I went hard on 80's Workout Day to show my pride for the school and join in on the feeling of unity."

let's get loud!

spirit struggle

It was the Friday before Homecoming week, and students still were unsure of what their dress-up days were going to be. Student government spent weeks organizing Spirit Week. After all the trials and tribulations they faced regarding the different dress-up days, they solidified the themes and took it to Facebook. "We wanted to give everyone interesting days," President William Greenlaw, senior, said. "It was a lot more difficult this year than in past years, but there is something to be said about the fact that everyone still made it work and made Spirit Week successful."

beyond bright

During passing periods, the dimly lit hallways experienced a change of pace. Students raced to their usual classes, this time, in blurs of neon yellow, orange and pink. The underclassmen brightened up their dull everyday schedules on Neon Day. "I had so many neon colored shirts and things from bar mitzvahs and club shirts and stuff, and it was really awesome to pull it all out," Niko Ingoglia, junior, said. "It seemed like it was not the most original day, but all together, when everyone wore neon, it created a really awesome overall effect."

dorky duo

Sighted: two girls wearing sweaters, pigtails and thick-rimmed glasses circled the North and South parking lots of Munster High School on a tandem bike between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Seniors Mady Moyer and Andrea Paunicka dressed to impress during Spirit Week, especially on Nerd Day. "I had a ton of sweaters and preppy school clothes from when I went to St. Tom's," Andrea said. "It was fun to just be goofy, and no one had to take it too seriously. All of our friends went all out."

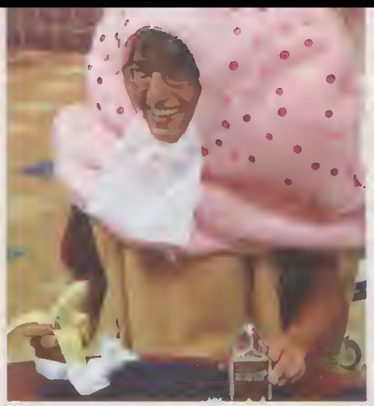
Pouted smile and boom box on blast, Tatiana Padilla, senior, leads her class in a conga line during an 80's workout in the Commons. "This was the day we had all been waiting for," Tatiana said. "We all watched from the sidelines as underclassmen, and this was the day we got to finally have our workout party in the Commons. It was so much energy, and we could all just let loose."

Dressed with clothes upside down, Adam Kulam, sophomore, celebrates Backwards Day during Spirit Week. "It was just really funny to see the crazy and innovative ways that people interpreted 'backwards,'" Adam said. "It was important to dress up during Spirit Week to show your support for the school."

across the ages

costumes span the decades when each grade celebrates Decades Day

Decked out in '70s gear, juniors Eashan Kumar, Sammi Koufos and Harry Goldenberg pose for a picture. Sipping on her chocolate milk at lunch, Anna Riggs, freshman, laughs at her friends' jokes on Decades Day. Relaxing at lunch, Chelsea Eickleberry, sophomore, embraces her inner hippie for '60s day. Pen in hand, Parin Patel, senior, tries to take notes in AP Economics while dressed in '80s workout gear.



Bib tucked under his chin, Daniel Riggs, senior, enjoys his lunch as an ice cream cone on Random Costume Day. "I had two ice cream cone costumes that my sister and her friend used for Halloween once," Daniel said. "My friend, Nathan (Kondamuri, senior) and I wore them around all day."

Eyes shut tight, Julia Adams, senior, gets '80s style hair from Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher. "It really enhanced the experience," Julia said. "It felt really special that she could join in the activity."

Concentrated on his Yu-Gi-Oh cards, Craig Dedelow, senior, sits in the Commons on Nerd Day. "I wanted to go out with a hang and create some great memories with my friends," Craig said. "It was just fun to dress up and have fun with my classmates."

Sociolizing before the bell rings, juniors Niko Ingoglia and Harry Goldenberg chat with a fellow student. "I really liked dressing the same as Harry and being twins," Niko said. "It was really funny that we were twins but didn't look anything alike."

Posing for a picture, Esbedia Guzman, freshman, and Alondra Guzman, junior, match on Twin Day. "Everyone says we look alike, so we really looked like twins," Alondra said. "At times, my sister's friends would come up to me and say her name, it was pretty funny!"

With colorful eyeloshes, Taylor Mihalic, junior, goes all out when celebrating '70s Day. "I thought Spirit Week was an opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones and get a little crazy," Taylor said. "Trust me, those eyelashes did not go unnoticed!"

garden fresh

band performs their new show, "Bloom," during the Homecoming game

☐ In position, Austin Drabenstot, senior, plays his trumpet during halftime. "The performance was pretty good," Austin said. "There were a lot of distractions because it was Homecoming, but overall we did well."

☐ Watering cans in hand, sophomores Shaniyah Kimbrough, Marlee Whaley and Kristin Davidson, freshman, played the role of gardeners along with the rest of color guard, while band members played flowers.

crowning glory

Homecoming Queen Tania Cordova, senior, chooses her brother to escort her to the Homecoming game

"I decided that if there was anyone I wanted at my side, I would want it to be someone that I remember, and my brother would always be that person. David was so funny. When I won, he just turned to me and said, 'Tania, you're crying?' and went up to people saying 'She did it!'"

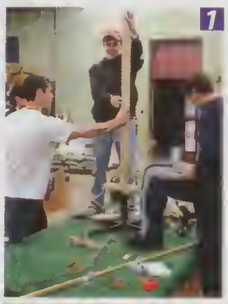
Tania Cordova, senior

Arms in the air, Nicole Delia, senior, performs a team cheer on the sidelines. The cheerleaders kept spirits high throughout the game. "We all tried to make the best of the game because it was the last time for the seniors," Nicole said.

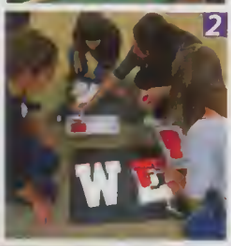
Along the sidelines, the senior Powderpuff team supports their teammates playing in the third quarter. "I had a lot of fun," Vanessa Fonseca, senior, said. "We all cheered each other on and got to know each other well."

work in progress

senior CEC collaborated to build a float for the parade



Stacking materials, seniors Nick Milkovich and Jonathan Pasyk and Mr. Dusan Vidovic, math teacher, build the senior float. "We had a lot less people than the other grades," Nick said. "But I figured it was the last homecoming float I'd ever build, so I thought we should make it a good one."



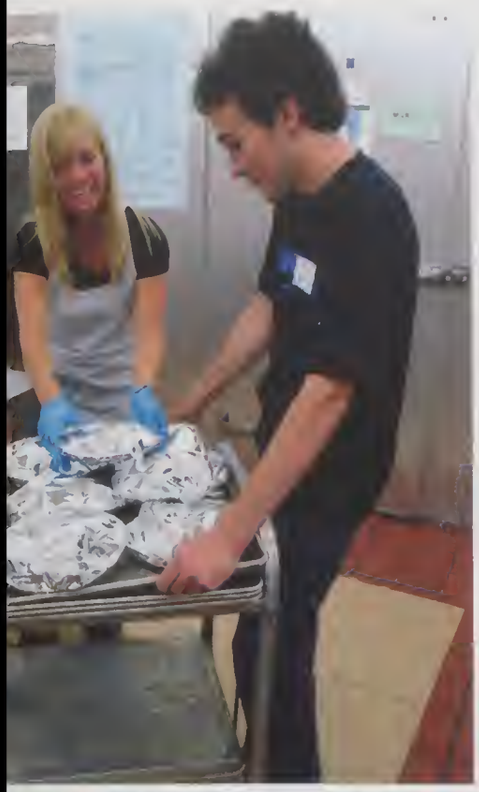
Huddled in a circle, seniors Liana Varjabedian, Maya Portillo and Maggie Szakacs paint letters for the float. "The week of Homecoming was a hectic one to say the least. Most students were too busy to help build the float," Maya said. "So during the days of float building, there were usually only four to five students working."

After a week of hard work, the final result shined as it circled around the track during halftime. "Though we didn't live up to the tradition of winning 'Best Float,' it definitely came in a close second," Maya Portillo, senior, said. "Overall, the experience was rewarding, and I'm glad to have been able to help."

that's the spirit!

in the final hours of the school day, students came together during the Homecoming pep rally to get excited for the game that night

Ready to lend a hand, Tom Vanko, senior, volunteers at the Speech and Debate Chicken Barbeque, a Homecoming tradition unique to the school. "It brought the community together," Tom said. "It gave you a chance to talk to people you've never met before."



☐ Microphone at the ready, President Will Greenlaw, senior, hosts the pep rally with Vice President Ben Nichols, senior. "Leading the chant for each class was the most exhilarating feeling," Will said. "It was exciting to say something and then hear a response from 400 people at once." ☐ With all of their strength, freshmen David Oh and Harsh Jhaveri participate in tug-of-war. "I felt I a lot of pressure from all the freshmen," David said. "But I felt like I was one of the core contributors to the game." ☐ Side by side, juniors Alyse Dittrich, Emily Anderson and Kyle Hansen cheer together at the pep rally.

it's all fun and games

Lined up, sophomores Adam Ostoich (4), Jake Helmer (9) and Casey Terry (62) prepare to shake hands with Griffith players after the Homecoming game. The team lost 25-27. "We played a good game, but we came up short," Adam said.

☐ angry bogs

In a crowded gym, underclassmen and upperclassmen sit opposing one another, ready to begin the Homecoming pep rally. The rally was packed with exciting chants, motivating speeches and most notably, competitions between each grade. In one game, students launched a ball at stacked boxes in a life-sized Angry Birds game. Adam Bogs, senior, took his last opportunity to participate by stepping up to the challenge. Although he wasn't able to score any points and caught some good-natured jokes for the loss, Adam looked back on his final pep rally as a memorable experience. "My last pep rally was fulfilling. It was really weird going through this last one after being through three other pep rallies," Adam said. "I guess the entire senior year was filled with moments like that, but the pep rally was the first domino to fall."

☐ it's game time!

Cheers from the student section fill the brisk evening air of September 21 as the Boys' Varsity Football team charges onto the field to begin the Homecoming game against Griffith. "Before we hit the field, it felt like every other game," Travis Frank, senior, said. "But when the lights came on, the crowd started getting pumped, and we ran through that banner; I think all of us and the seniors realized it was our last chance for a Homecoming victory. The energy in that game couldn't be described with words, just three little letters with one big meaning: MAF (Mustangs Always Fight). I think we proved that in that game."

☐ a bloom and a beat

A bright, red bud resting on a white-picket fence suddenly blooms into a flower. Seconds later, other flowers in vibrant hues of purple, green and yellow blossom as the marching band begins the first movement of its show, "Bloom," during the halftime performance at the Homecoming game. "The main premise of the show was that we were in a garden as flowers, and color guard were gardeners," Angelica Timar, junior, said. "There were different stages throughout the show. The first movement was about us growing as flowers; the second was a flower duet; the third was the Flight of the Bumblebee; the fourth was a thunderstorm and the fifth was a happy ending, complete with a rainbow."

setting the stage

designing and making the set for each play involved various steps before the final show

1. Meet with Dr. Larry Brechner, auditorium director, to discuss timeline for set production
2. Calculate dimensions and sketch sets
3. Order backdrop, tarps and fake scenery
4. Re-paint and modify old sets

source: Hannah Fischer, junior

While working on a set, Kevin Yurasovich, junior, strives to complete all his work on time. "The hardest part about working on sets was getting them done in time in order for them to be painted," Kevin said.

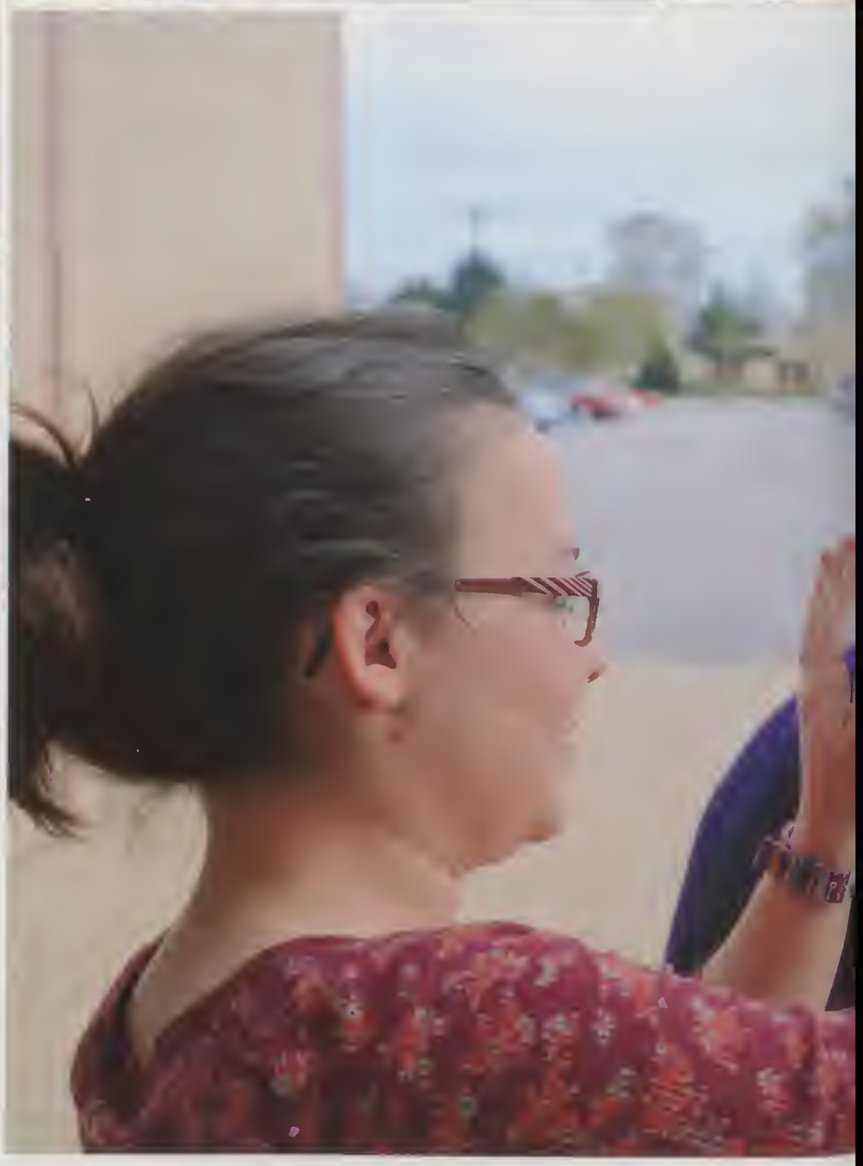
For the last time, Morgan Papesh, junior, acts beside seniors Christian Fary and Ben Nichols in "The Sound of Music." "My most memorable moment was when Christian and I sang the last note of "So Long, Farewell" on the last show of "The Sound of Music" to close out his high school theater career," Morgan said.

Portroying a flower, Julia Chael, freshman, dances in front of Delilah Owens, senior, during "Alice in Wonderland." "My favorite part about acting in the play was learning the dance we had in our scene," Julia said. "It was a ton of fun to learn and to perform."

Closing his eyes, Christian Fary, senior, allows Rachel Borgo, senior, to spray gray dye into his hair to better resemble Georg Von Trapp from "The Sound of Music." Christian and Rachel shared a special relationship while acting together. "We definitely fought like an old married couple," Christian said. "But she is like my sister, and I love her to death."

As her costmotes lift her up, Katie Gajewski, senior, sings "No Time at All" in "Pippin" while in character as Berthe. "When you got a role where it was hard to get through a run-through of your song without breaking into laughter, you knew it was going to be a fun show," Katie said.

Posing for the promotionol poster for "Switching Principals," sophomores Rohan Chatterjee and Allison Hemingway and Daniel Cappo, freshman, get into character. "It ("Switching Principals") was extremely professionally done, especially for a novice show," Rohan said.



Hands in the middle, the cast of "Switching Principals" comes together for the Spirit Circle before the show. "This (Spirit Circle) was the time when everyone got together and got excited for the show," Brianna Dittmer, sophomore, said. "It was such an invigorating experience."

In character as Baran, Billy McDunn, sophomore, lies down in front of sophomores Rohan Chatterjee, Jai Dharla, Casey Terry, Thomas Speranza and Drew Adams and juniors Daniel Straka and Calvin Sanders. "It ("Pippin") was really fun, and I had a great time performing with such a great cast," Billy said.

Acting as Maria Rainer, Morgan Papesh, junior, dances with Bess Fary, junior; Madison O'Dea, sophomore; and an elementary school actress. Since there were younger characters in "The Sound of Music," the Munster Theatre Company cast several guest actors. "At first, all of us were a little nervous to be working with such young cast members, but soon we realized that these kids have a tremendous amount of talent," Morgan said.

making a scene

family circle

Tears stream down their faces as members of "The Sound of Music" come together for their last Spirit Circle of the year. However, unlike most Spirit Circles, the seniors gathered towards the center to signify the final play of their high school careers. "My eyes were like raisins; I couldn't even cry anymore," Christian Fary, senior, said. "My favorite thing about it (theater) was the family atmosphere that it created. These are people that I will remember for the rest of my life and stay in contact with."

director's debut

Accustomed to being an actor, Ben Nichols, senior, shifted roles when he directed the novice play "Switching Principals." Since he was allowed to add to the original script, Ben and the assistant directors, juniors Steven Caraher and Morgan Papesh, strived to make it more comedic. "We went nuts and threw as many jokes at the wall as possible," Ben said. "I would not change a thing with the play, not because of me, but because of the audience and the cast and the passion."

within Wonderland

Lilies, roses and shrubs are splayed out across the stage as the cast of "Alice in Wonderland" take full advantage of the seemingly endless set. "We really wanted to emphasize the fact that there are no walls in Wonderland," Assistant Director Rachel Borgo, senior, said. Transforming the cast into the characters of Wonderland involved creating different facial expressions for the various animals portrayed in the play. Rachel came up with the idea to replicate the creatures by testing out different designs for the animals' faces. "I spent an entire Saturday morning locked in my bathroom with my laptop, my camera and twelve colors of paint," Rachel said. After weeks of creating the sets, "Alice in Wonderland" finally came to life. "It was amazing to see all the hard work of the set crew become this beautiful Wonderland," Rachel said.

Bottle of the Bonds champions, The Censored, perform for part of the night. The Student Government sponsor, Ms. Angela Wayne, social studies teacher, asked the band if they wanted to play according to Tyler Wood, junior. "It felt pretty good to play there knowing it was for a good cause," Tyler said.

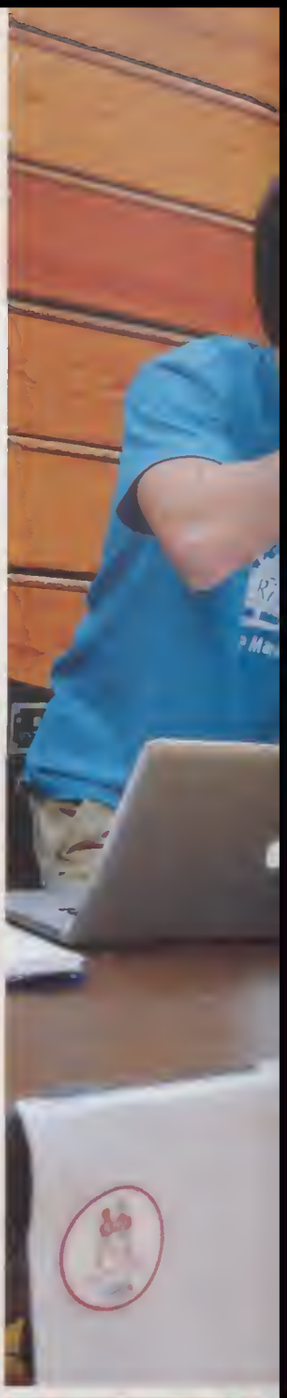
out of step

besides dancing, Student Government offered other activities for students throughout the night

6:00 pm - registration and opening
6:30 pm - learn part one of line dance
7:00 pm - Riley family speech
7:30 pm - learn part two of line dance
7:45 pm - performance by The Censored
8:00 pm - Bean Bag tournament
8:30 pm - learn part three of line dance
9:30 pm - learn the final line dance
10:00 pm - closing

source: Steven Burgwald, senior

Participoting in the bogs competition, freshmen Ally Szakacs and Mackenzie Peirick prepare to score. "I was killer at Bags, so I decided to show off my awesomeness," Ally said. "Having additional activities made dancing for four hours less intimidating."



Looking to one another, Sarah Sharpe, junior, and AJ Gauthier, senior, act out the catcalls in the song "Wop" by J Dash. "That part was really fun because we were allowed to freestyle," Sarah said. "The whole line dance was really fun."

Up in the air, Niko Ingoglia, junior, jumps to the beat. "I thought the music played at Dance Marathon was great," Niko said. "It really got me in the mood to dance, and it was a great way to help out a great cause."

Hands above her head, Alyse Dittrich, junior, follows the steps for "Can't Hold Us" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis. "It was so fun," Alyse said. "We literally had our hands up like the ceiling couldn't hold us."

Reenacting the lyrics, "Hand you another drink, drink it if you can" from "Glad You Came" by The Wanted, Russell Doctor, senior, passes his 'drink' to Zach Suggs, senior. "I thought it (having a partner) was a wonderful way to make the dance more personal," Russell said.

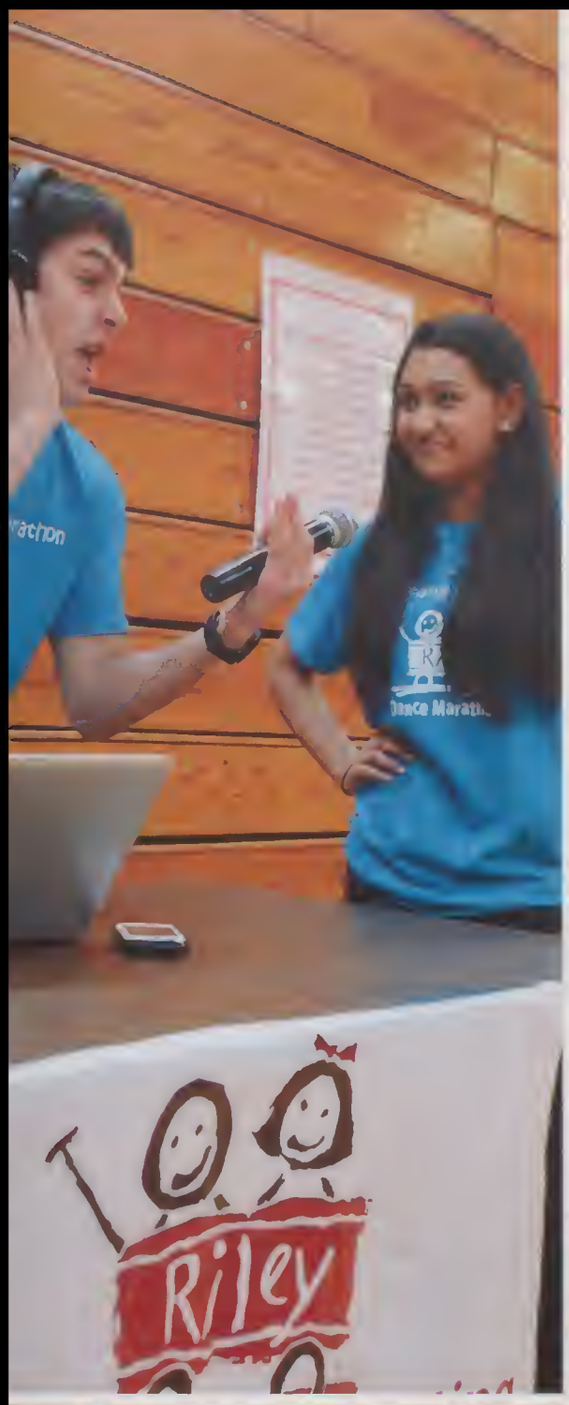
care to dance?

dance for the kids who can't

As Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, reveals the numbers, students discover they fundraised over $5,000 at Dance Marathon. The goal for the night involved having students be as active as possible. Once a student felt tired or fatigued, they gained a perspective of a patient at Riley Children's Hospital. All proceeds from the night benefited Riley Children's Hospital, which helps pay medical bills for hospitalized youth. The informal dance for charity attracted students, according to Student Government member, Emma Hong, senior. "I wanted to go to Dance Marathon because it seemed like a very fun event for a great cause," Emma said. "I knew people enjoyed it at different high schools and colleges."

move to the music

Students return to the center of the gym every half hour interval in order to learn the next section of the line dance. "The line dance was a compilation of a variety of songs cut down to about ten seconds each, and each part had different dance moves," Nathalie Kauz, junior, said. "Mimicking Student Government, who had learned the dance, was hysterical." Session two of the line dance contained a portion where students pointed to each other during the chorus of "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls. "I loved the line dance because being in a gym full of kids screaming 'Wannabe' lyrics was pretty special," Nathalie said.



Microphone in hand, Adam Kulam, sophomore, asks Prabhneet Girn, sophomore, what song to play next. "Requesting songs was cool," Prabhneet said. "Everyone had the opportunity to hear what they wanted. I loved all the throwback songs like 'Hips Don't Lie' by Shakira."

DJ hero

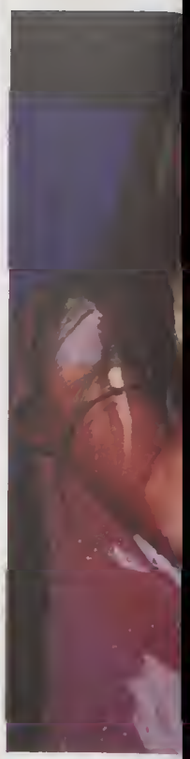
With a notebook filled with two pages of song requests, Adam Kulam, sophomore, chooses what song to play next on the Spotify playlist for Dance Marathon. "Having a student DJ was a great idea," Adam said. "It stressed the informality of the dance. We played audience requests, so everyone got to hear something they liked. It (Dance Marathon) was made by us for us."

Dressed casually, Mady Moyer, senior, laughs in the gym. Participants were issued event shirts, making the event different from other school dances. "It (the casual clothing) allowed us to be more free and more comfortable to dance around and have fun," Mady said. "It was awesome. It was so much better than Prom."

Demonstrating the first dance steps, Student Government members Prabhneet Girn, sophomore; seniors Steven Burgwald and Tania Cordova and Eashan Kumar, junior, lead the line dance. "I loved leading the line dance because it was fun teaching everyone," Tania said. "The line dance added a sense of unity and brought everyone together throughout the event."

Hair flipping in all directions, Nic Blackstone, junior, gets into the music during his performance. "I would always move my head when I got into the music, and since I have such long hair, it would always get all over the place when I played."

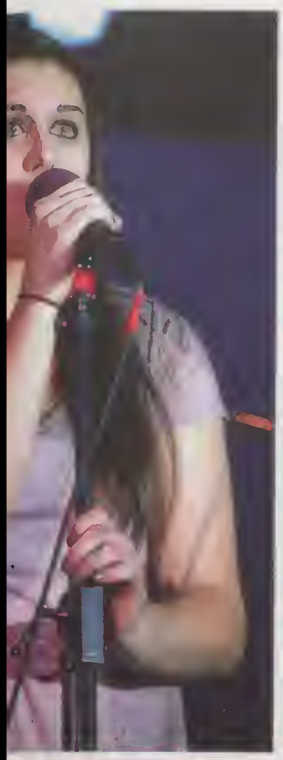
Amidst the smoke, Harry Goldenberg, junior, stands on stage after his performance. Harry felt the stage effects contributed to the show "Lab (Dr. Larry Brechner, auditorium director) just freestyled the smoke and lighting and always made it look awesome," Harry said. "It totally added to the show. Everything looked so cool."



singing in style

in addition to the music, certain bands came dressed to impress

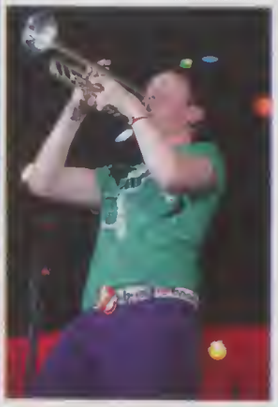
□ Dressed in statement-making shorts, Harry Goldenberg, junior, strums on his guitar. Style proved to be important to some band members. "I actually freaked out about what to wear and took pictures of like five outfits and sent them to all of my friends," Harry said. "This won." □ Wearing a purple tie, Alec Boyd, senior, dresses to kill at Battle of the Bands. He and his band, Stacked Actors, all decided on wearing purple ties for their performance.



Gripping the microphone, Jess Wargo, senior, sings "I Won't Let Go" by Rascal Flatts as one of the talent acts at Battle of the Bands. "I've loved singing for as long as I can remember," Jess said. "It was incredible to have people come up to me and tell me how much they liked it. I was really glad that I got to do it."

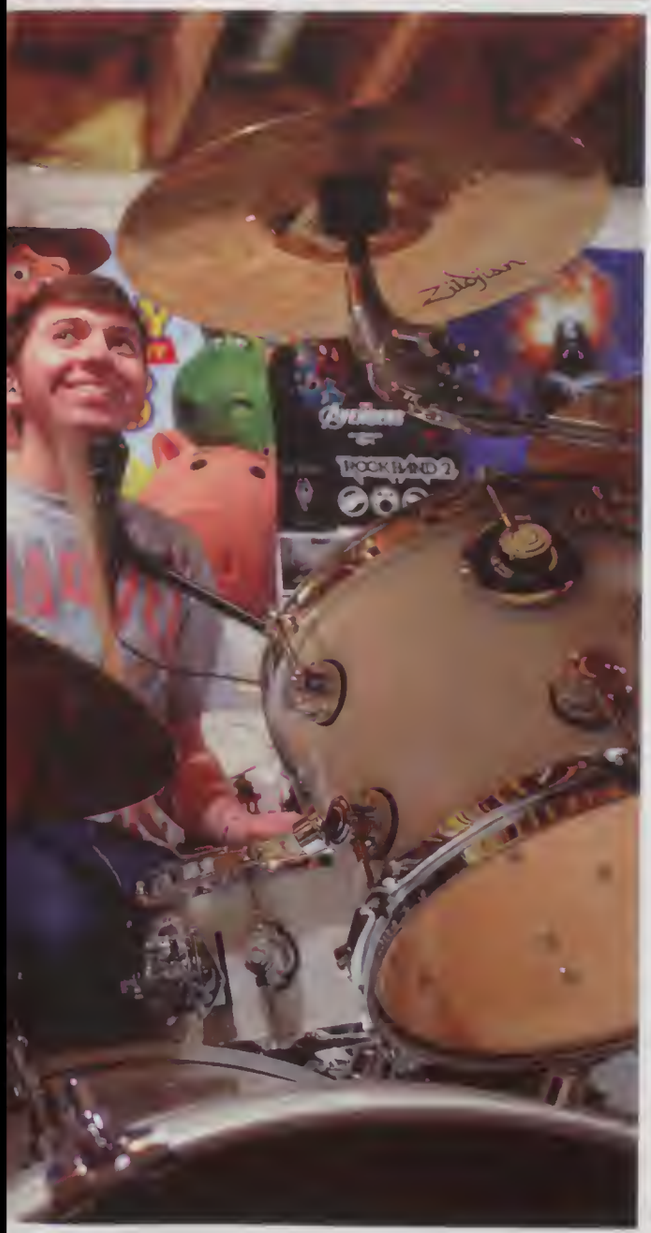
sound the horns

breaking the standards of traditional rock, The Censored and Sudden Departure incorporate classical instruments into their sets



☐ Playing each note, Jonathan Pasyk, senior, plays the saxophone with his band, Sudden Departure at Battle of the Bands. ☐ After years of playing trumpet in hand, Levi Sasek, junior, lends his skills to his hand, "The Censored," at Battle of the Bands.

Rocking a leather jacket, Spencer Boerman, junior, makes his way across the stage, serving as the front man for his band, Chief Diamond Phillips. "The best part was playing music with people who love playing music, too," Spencer said. "You just feed off each other, and it gives a vibe that's hard to explain."



school of rock

☐ practice makes perfect

Posters of bands and movies are plastered on every wall, and colorful Lego creations fill the room. Nothing out of the ordinary—just another day at band practice for Stacked Actors. The band, consisting of seniors Mikey Litwiller, Nick Cossyleon, Mike Burns, Zach Lyons and Alec Boyd, practiced regularly in Mike's basement, all in preparation for that one night. "(Before Battle) was probably the biggest crunch time," Nick said. "(With Battle approaching,) it was all business, and we had to perfect what we had."

☐ original edge

For the members of Sudden Departure, it was not uncommon to play original music. According to guitarist and lead vocalist, Jacob Kowalski, '11, the band has written over 20 of their own songs. "We're unique, especially because we write our own music," Jonathan Pasyk (JP), senior, said. "We enjoyed interacting with the crowd and just putting on a great show." Sudden Departure placed 3rd at Battle. "It wasn't about the competition or anything," JP said. "It was about the music for us."

☐ what's in a name?

The winners of Battle, "The Censored," got the inspiration of their name from an unexpected place. According to Nic Blackstone, junior, the idea came last year when talk of a censorship act, SOPA, threatened the expressive freedom of Internet users. "Our name stands for what the act was going to do if it was passed," Nic said. "I presented 'The Censored' to the band, and they all agreed on the name."

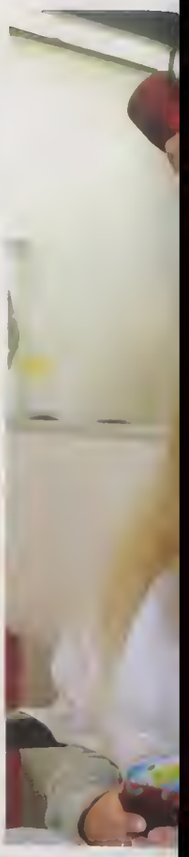
Glancing over at his bandmates, Mike Burns, senior, communicates with the members of Stacked Actors as he plays the drums. "They were like the strange people of your family," Mike Burns said. "You've got the one crazy uncle, then the shy one, and the loud obnoxious person."

Smiling and posing for a picture, seniors Victoria Chinnam, Vanessa Fonesca, Lupita Alverado, Lorena Alverado and Sarah Mathew look forward to having fun with friends. "I loved dancing with all of my friends and seeing everyone dressed up " Victoria said.

Dancing with her group, Klarissa Hernandez, senior, dances with her boyfriend, Collin Szafranski, senior. "It was a blast," Klarissa said. "Prom was exactly how I imagined it would be."

Carefully putting on her eyeliner, Alysia Thomas, sophomore, does her makeup for Turnabout. "I'm picky about how it (my makeup) looks and I didn't trust anyone else to do it," Alysia said. "It was fun to express myself by using bright colors."

Phone and water in hand, Erica Tritch, senior, gets her hair done for Prom at Ben Mollin Hair Education. "I always wanted my hair to look perfect!" Erica said. "It was sometimes nerve racking."



all dressed up

☐ a salon at home

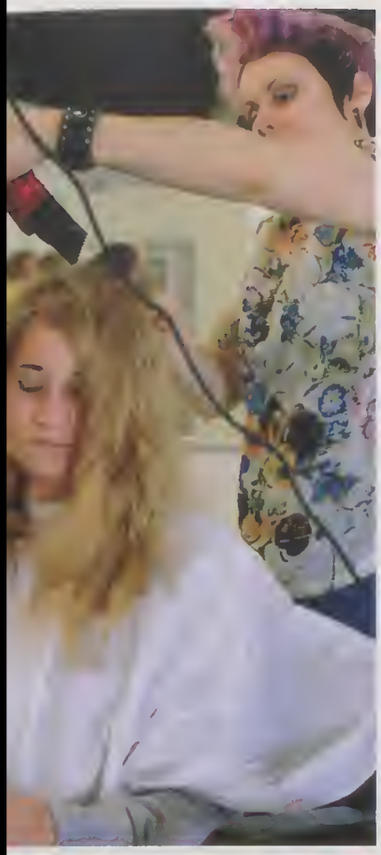
Home always open for friends, Erin Chant, senior, didn't just do her own nails, but she did her classmates nails as well. Erin opened her kitchen to all of her friends for Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom to do their nails before the dance and festivities began. "Nails were something I did on a regular basis," Erin said. "I changed mine every week and they were different every time. My friends knew I enjoyed doing it so they asked if I could do them for the dances."

☐ prom royalty

Through e-mail students send in their vote for Prom court. After the votes are counted junior CEC announces what seniors represent Prom King and Queen. Seniors Justin Rios and Ashley Suda are crowned this years Prom King and Queen. Justin was well known in the school, almost everyone knew him and liked him, he was always saying "hi" to people in the hallways, according to Mady Moyer, senior. "I was extremely happy because he was so excited!" Mady said. "He talked to me about it every day, and he couldn't wait."

☐ hectic to organized

The schedule started with pictures at senior Parin Patel's house, then all the events like the Grand March, the dance and the trip to the hotel began. "It was a nice way to organize everything so that it wasn't too hectic," Parin said. One of the girls in the groups parents rented a party bus for the group, according to Parin."It was a really nice surprise," Parin said. "We kept the party going to the hotel and went the next day in the city. It was a great way to end the year."

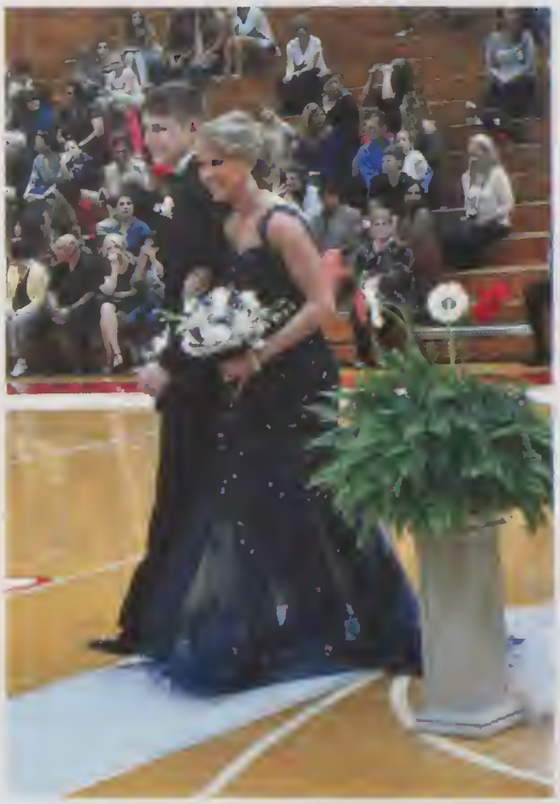


boys vs girls

From dresses to suits, students invest in the prom experience throughout the night

boys	girls
tuxedo: $150	dress: $550
pizza pitch in: $10	hair: $65
tickets: $80	nails: $70
transportation: $0	makeup: $72
+ pictures: $40	shoes: borrowed
grand total $290	$757

source: senior, Mady Moyer and Michael Schlotman



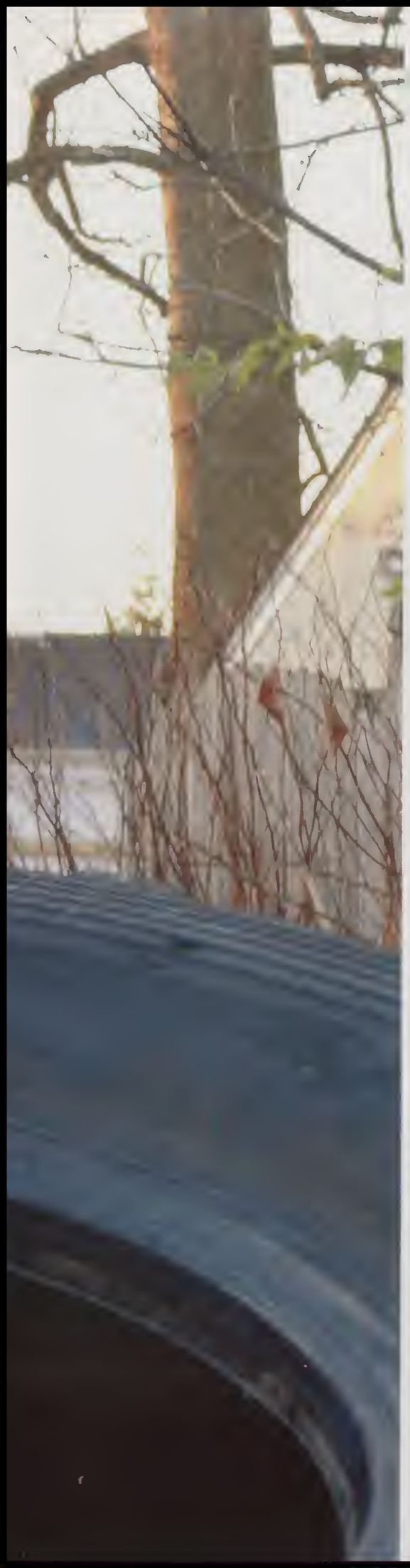
Arm in arm, Mady Moyer, senior walks down the pathway at the Grand March with date, Michael Schlotman, senior. "The Grand March made you nervous because you didn't want to trip on the walk," Mady said. "I was squeezing my dates arm so I wouldn't fall."

Laughing with her mom, Jackie Ashley, senior, enjoys taking pictures."It was really sad knowing that most of the people I was going to see at Prom, I would never see again," Jackie said.

King and Queen, senior, Justin Rios and Ashley Suda are crowned prom royalty "It was such an honor to be voted Prom Queen," Ashley said. "Justin Rios selected as Prom King made it even more Special. It was a memory I will cherish the rest of my life."

In the crowd, seniors Niko Karagan, Scott Shaner and Craig Dedlow dance with friends. "I liked dancing with all my friends because that was we liked to do," Scott said.

Lined up and ready for Prom, seniors Charles Jones, Ryan Barnett, Zach Suggs, Jim Soria and Isaiah Gallegos take pictures with his group. "I had a lot of fun taking pictures," Ryan said. "I just liked socializing with the people around me and we had a great time."



faces in the hall

Every day students walk from North to South, seeing the same faces pass by on their way to the LGI, hearing the same names called over the intercom and watching the same scene play out as we get in the lunch line for Mashed Potato Bowl for the millionth time. We pass by each other day by day, unaware of the backgrounds behind the familiar faces.

We don't notice that the boy sitting in the next seat over who always doodles in his notebook actually mimicks professional drawings and carvings. Or that the girl walking through the halls wearing stylish clothing everyday actually wants to study fashion in Hong Kong. Or that the boy wearing soccer jerseys is not just as a fan, but also as a player for Chicago Fire Juniors' League.

If we stopped and took notice, we would know that the boy who sits behind us in AP Calculus BC is actually a sophomore. We would know that the girl wearing trendy clothes designed and sewed it herself. We would know that two siblings carry on the memory of their father who passed away this year.

The bell rings after sixth hour, and school is dismissed, but we don't stop there. Each student has an important story — a story that shouldn't go unheard. Put us together, and we are

extraordinary stories

no pain no gain | Fueled by his desire to become a Golden Glove boxer, Ben Gonzalez, senior, lifts a tire as part of his weekly training. "I wanted to become a Golden Glove because it was the sport I loved," Ben said. "Boxing gave me confidence and taught me patience and humility. Plus, with the knowledge of self defense, I could protect the people and things I care about."

Anna Ackermann: Project X 9-12, Spanish Club 10- 12, ASL Club 11, NHS 11- 12
Julia Adams: Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, German Club 11, Color Guard 12, Concert Band 12, NHS 11-12, Poetry Club 12
Jenna Albright
Alanna Alfonsi: French Club 9, ASL Club 11-12
Jennifer Allen

Nicolas Alo
Lorena Alvarado: French Club 9-12 (President 12)
Lupita Alvarado: French Club 9-12 (Social Chair 12)
Andrew Alvarez: DECA 11-12, Golf 9-10, German Club 11, NHS 11-12, SADD 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Speech and Debate 9-11, We the People 11
Bridget Anderson: Volleyball 9, Spanish Club 10-12, Project X 9-12, Best Buddies 11-12, Basketball 10 (Manager), NHS 11-12

Brandon Armagast
Jaclyn Ashley: Softball 9, Soccer 9-12, Track 10, ASL Club 12 (Secretary 12)
John Avila: Spanish Club 9-12, Art Club 11, Ping Pong Club 11, Project X 9-10
Austin Bahb
Taylor Bachert

Cody Baker: Football 9-12
Aishariya Bandyopadhyay: Speech and Debate 9-11 (Historian 11), CEC 9-10, Best Buddies 10-11, French Club 10, German Club 10, Project X 10-11, Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 9-12, DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12
Samantha Barilla: Volleyball 9-10, Project X 9-11, SADD 9, Spanish Club 9-11, DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12
Bryce Barnett: Basketball 9, Track 9-12 (Captain 12)
Ryan Barnett

rally together

during halftime, the game was marked by monumental events that highlighted the cause

in front of the crowds, Mrs. Ally Novotony, attendance secretary, pauses after giving her speech. Mrs. Novotony encouraged men to get tested and spoke of her husband Bob, her inspiration for the event. "He always had a smile, and his sense of humor was infectious. He was the father that our kids wanted to hang out with, and oh, how he loved our two-year-old granddaughter Leah. To know him made you a better person." **forming a white ribbon symbol,** the Dance team finishes their halftime performance. "The game was a great way for the community to come together to support a good cause," Meredith Simmons, sophomore, said. "I really enjoyed being a part of it."

Brandon Barth
Briana Bates
Kevin Beezhold
Meg Bennett
Asia Benson

Luis Bernhardt
Jessica Bhavsar: Spanish Club 9-12, Speech and Debate 9-12, Project X 10, We the People 12
Zorana Blagnjevic
Carrie Boelt
Adam Bogs

Bianca Bohling: Swimming 9-12, Cross Country 10-12
Rachel Borgo: Speech and Debate 9, 12, Orchestra 9-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (Vice President 12), Chorale 11-12, NHS 11-12, Women's Ensemble 9, 12
Ian Boston
Drake Bowers
Alec Boyd: Wrestling 9-12

Nicholas Brant: Soccer 9-12, DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 12
Blake Brian: Project X 9-12, Best Buddies 12, Spanish Club 9-11
Nicholas Briette
Stefanie Briggs
Jade Broadnax: Track 9-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 11-12 (Officer 11-12), Project X 11 12, Spanish Club 9, Chorale 11-12, DECA 9,11

preventive measures

spreading knowledge, awareness and hope

in support of prostate cancer education, students and faculty rally together in the BOB football game

With fans filling the bleachers with shades of blue, Mrs. Ally Novotney, attendance secretary, stands in the middle of the field, ready to begin her speech. Mrs. Novotney, with the help of Civics Club and Student Government, coordinated the Bond of Brothers (BOB) football game that promoted prostate cancer awareness.

Mrs. Novotney urged the community to take more preventative measures against prostate cancer. To Mrs. Novotney, BOB was more than just three letters; it was the name of her husband of 32 years, a maintenance worker who passed from prostate cancer in April 2012.

"Men need to know their bodies. If my husband would have had a PSA blood test early on in his diagnosis, he might be here today," Mrs. Novotney said. "It's such a silent cancer. Bob was the icon of a strong, happy, healthy 56 year old man. Little did he know, he already had Stage Four cancer."

With her late husband as her source of strength and inspiration, Mrs. Novotney continued to spread the message of awareness.

"I'm guessing I'm trying to save all the other Bobs now," Mrs. Novotney said. "It's such an indescribable hard life without him. Actually, the best part of my life is when I dream of him. I am doing my best to help educate and promote awareness. My Bob would have been so proud."

making bank

Nick Brant, senior
an extraordinary story

While some boys might check their basketball brackets online, Nick Brant, senior, checks his stocks. At only 16 years old, Nick began his stock market portfolio by investing in multiple companies. This incited his dream to become an investment banker, and from there, Nick sought to learn more about the career. To broaden his experience, he became a part-time teller at the First Savings Bank of Hegewisch.

"I served the bank as a front line," Nick said. "When customers wanted to do a transaction, I fulfilled their request. I represented the bank."

His job as a teller exposed him to various life lessons, according to Nick.

"(In my time at the bank) I've learned numerous things," Nick said. "I've learned how a business is run, how to work with others, and the basics functions of financial intuitions."

Nick also immersed himself in his ideal future career by competing in DECA. The combination of this experience with others expanded his business education.

"The aspiration to become an investment banker opened up a window into the world of finance. Competing at DECA, working at a bank and investing in stocks have furthered my understanding of this complex profession," Nick said. "In addition, the pursuit of knowledge provided greater opportunities as I advanced toward

Jacob Brunetti
Nathan Bubash
Matthew Bulow: Football 9-10
Steven Burgwald: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12), Track 9-12 (Captain 12), Student Government 9-12 (Secretary 12), DECA 10-12, NHS 11-12 (President 12), We the People 11, Principal's Award of Excellence 10
Anne Burke: Best Buddies 11-12 (Vice President 12), Orchestra 9-12 (Secretary 12), French Club 9-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12, Academic Super Bowl 12, Project X 11, Women's Ensemble 9, NHS 11-12, Speech and Debate 9-10

Michael Burns: Munster Theatre Company 9, Jazz Band 12
Mykaela Burton
Martin Todd Bustalino
Luca Candelaria
David Carbajal: Basketball 9-10 (Captain 9), Track 11 12, Spanish Club 9-10

Selena Ceja
Shivram Chandramouli: NHS 11-12 (Secretary 12), Chess Club 9-12 (Captain 12), DECA 9-12, Tennis 10-12, Science Olympiad 11, CEC 12 (Treasurer 12), JETS 10-11, Project X 11-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Ping Pong Club 9-10
Erin Chant: French Club 9-12, Speech and Debate 11-12, Best Buddies 10-12, Project X 11-12
Matthew Charles
Rachel Chen: Swimming 9-12, Tennis 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12

Zachary Cherogan: Band 9-11, Football 9-12, Swimming 10-12
Victoria Chinnam: Project X 12, Spanish Club 12, French Club 12
Sameer Chintamani: DECA 9
French Club 9-12 (Treasurer 9-10, Officer 11, Vice President 12), Speech and Debate (Vice President 12)
Sean Cloghessy
Magdelyn Cole: Spanish Club 9-12, French Club 10-12, Tennis 9-12, NHS 12, Project X 9-12

eye on the prize
Keeping up-to-date, Nick Brant, senior, checks up stocks for his personal portfolio during his free time. Nick carefully analyzed each stock before buying. "I always had a long term view. I looked for strong earnings, strong fundamentals and a good yield," Nick said.

Alex Collison: Football 9-12, Track 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, French Club 10-11
Samantha Conley
Tania Cordova: Student Government 9-12 (Historian 11, Secretary 12), Best Buddies 10-12 (Treasurer 10, President 11-12), DECA 9-12 (Vice President 12), Speech and Debate 10-12, NHS 11-12 (Tresurer 12), Project X 9-12, SADD 9-12 (Officer 11-12), Spanish Club 9-11, Tennis 10, Principals Award of Excellence 9, Hoosier Girls' State 11, IU Honors 10
Rachel Corradin: Speech 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 9-12, DECA 11-12 (Officer 12), IU Honors 11, NHS 11-12 (Vice President 12)
Kaitlyn Corsiglia

Nicholas Cossyleon: Soccer 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Chorale 10-12, Speech and Debate 9
Allie Crary
Adam Cress: ASL Club 10-12
Alexander Crowe: Wrestling 9, Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12, NHS 11-12, Speech and Debate 9-11, DECA 10-12
Tessa Crull: Publications 10-12 (Head Photographer 12)

Daniel Cubillos: CEC 12
Caitlin Curran
Robert Dawson
Samuel Deboer
Sydney Deboer: German Club 9-12, Orchestra 9-12

Michael Dec
Craig Dedelow: Football 9, Basketball 9-12 Baseball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11
Nicole Delia: Cheerleading 9-12, Spanish Club 11, NHS 11-12
Alexis Deluna: Basketball 9-11, Best Buddies 10, Track 12
Salony Dighamber: NHS 11-12, Project X 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Art Club 9-10, French Club 10

warm and fuzzy

participating in snowflurry

students volunteer their time to partake in Snowflurry, an event to help fifth graders transition into middle school

A sea of white and red disperses across the gym floor as mesh balls fly past the faces of young fifth graders and high schoolers. Dodge ball served as one of the activities at Snowflurry, where many students volunteered their time to spend the day with fifth graders.

"When I participated in Snowflurry in fifth grade, I remembered how much fun I had and how much I looked up to the high school volunteers leading my group," Ameera Minhas, senior, said. "I wanted to be one of those volunteers that these kids looked up to."

Along with dodge ball, Snowflurry participants played ships and sailors and tied warm fuzzies on each other's necklaces to represent friendship. Before tying a warm fuzzy, the participants gave compliments to one another.

"My favorite part of Snowflurry was the warm fuzzy activity," Colleen Ogren, senior, said. "It was basically just giving strangers compliments, which is a good way to make friends in middle school."

Snowflurry allowed for the high school students to provide information to the fifth graders about middle school and any other fears they had about growing up.

"These kids were in fifth grade, and they were going to the middle school next year, so things were going to get more difficult," Andrew Alvarez, senior, said. "So, the most important thing they could take away from Snowflurry was to always keep trying and never let anything bring them down."

Mason Dinga: Wrestling 10-12
James Dixon: IU Honors 10, JETS 12
Russell Doctor
Erin Dolan
Brittany Douglas

Austin Drabenstot: Marching Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-11, German Club 12
Jabree Ellis: Auditorium Staff 9 -10 (Assistant House Manager 10), Speech Team 10-12, Project X 10, Spanish Club 11-12 , French Club 12, STAND 12, NHS 11-12
Sean Embro
Alison Engle: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), ASL Club 10-11
Kyle Erminger

Richard Erwin
Hailey Estes
Bryan Evans
Julian Everett: Academic Superbowl 9-10 (Co-Captain 10), Track 9-10
Christian Fary: Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (Vice President 11, President 12), Speech and Debate 10-12, Orchestra 9-12 (Secretary 11, Vice President 12), Men's Ensemble 9-12, Chorale 9-12 , NHS 11-12, German Club 11-12 (Vice President 11, President 12), Principal's Award for Excellence 10

Kasey Faubion: Speech 11-12, Art Club 12
Sophia Fillis
Kyle Fissinger
Katie Flowers: Project X 9-10
Vanessa Fonseca: Project X 9, Spanish Club 10-12, Publications 12

on top of the desk, Lorena Alvarado, senior, talks to the fifth graders about life in middle school. "My favorite part about Snowflurry was hearing what the kids were most scared of because it sounded so innocent," Lorena said. "As a senior, you knew that those fears weren't as big of a deal as they made them." **with warm fuzzies** around their neck, Maya Portillo, senior, and Jordan Cole, sophomore, compliment each other. "I loved the warm fuzzy activity because it made everyone feel good," Jordan said. "It was just something nice for everyone, and it put a smile on everyone's face."

fun and games

Snowflurry volunteers participate in numerous activities throughout the day

- ***dodge ball***

Participants divided themselves into two teams and played against each other.

- ***ships and sailors***

The game leader directed the participants to perform a certain action. If the participant failed to complete the action, they faced elimination.

- ***warm fuzzies***

Before tying a piece of yarn onto each others' necklaces, participants complimented each other.

Travis Frank
Ashley Frasco: Track 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Catherine Gajewski: Swimming 9-10, Track 11, Concert Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Chorale 9-12, Women's Ensemble 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Alexander Gauthier: DECA 9-12 (President 12), Golf 9-12, We the People 11, Student Government 9-12 (Secretary 11), JETS 9-11, NHS 11-12, Principal's Award of Excellence 10, Project X 9-11, Speech and Debate 9-10, SADD 9-10
Javyon George-Boatman

Taylor Gervase
Anthony Giannini: Football 10-12, Spanish Club 9-11
Matthew Gill
Kendall Goldberg
Benjamin Gonzalez: ASL Club 11-12 (President 12), We The People 12, Project X 9-10, DECA 9-12, CEC 10-12 (President 11), Spanish Club 9-12

William Greenlaw: Munster Theatre Company 9, Spell Bowl 9-12, Speech and Debate 9-12, DECA 9-12 (Vice President 11), Student Government 10-12 (President 12), JETS 9-10, 12, Track 10-12 (Captain 12), German Club 9-12, STAND 12
Casey Griffin: Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, ASL Club 11-12, Cross Country 11-12, Track 11-12, NHS 11-12
Robert Groszewski
Miles Gunty: Track 9-12 (Captian 12), Ping Pong Club 9-11, German Club 10-12, Spanish Club 12, Speech and Debate 10-11
Holly Guy

Alexis Habegger: Volleyball 9, ASL Club 10
Zain Haddad: French Club 12
Anthony Crowy
Michael Han: Men's Ensemble 10-12, NHS 11-12, ASL Club 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 10-12, French Club 9-11, Speech and Debate 9
Aaron Handler: Tennis 9-12, DECA 9-12, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 11-12

Aaron Hanenburg
Kelan Harish: Tennis 9-12, DECA 9-12, We the People 11, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Poetry Club 10-11, Civics Club 11
Alyssa Heeter
Jack Heiniger: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12)
Joshua Heintz: Spanish Club 9-12, Ping Pong Club 10-12, Project X 11-12, Track 10-11

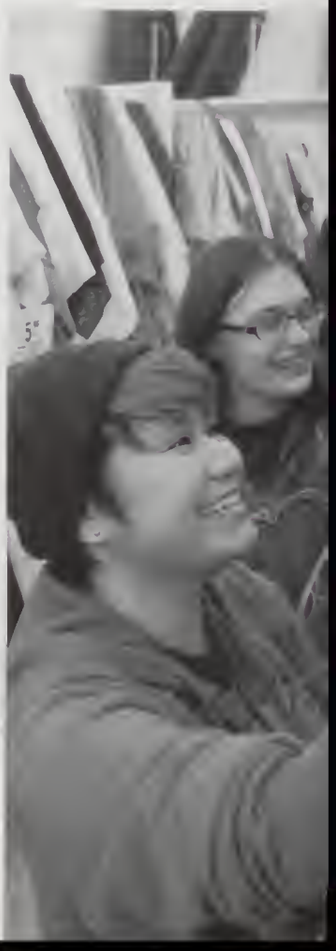
Klarissa Hernandez: Spanish Club 9-10, ASL Club 12
Paige Heuer: NHS 11-12, Project X 9-11, Tennis 9-12, DECA 11, Spanish Club 9, Ping Pong Club 9
Emma Hodges: Softball 9-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10,12, Project X 9-12
Jenna Hoffmann: Speech 12, Munster Theatre Company 12, NHS 12, Women's Ensemble 12
Emma Hong: Speech and Debate 9-12 (President 12), Orchestra 9-12 (President 12), Cross Country 9-12 (Co-Captain 12), DECA 9, 11-12 , CEC 10, Student Government 11-12, NHS 11-12, We the People 11, Project X 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11, Track 9-10

Jacqueline Hoover
Joseph Hunt
Jessica Ivetich: Dance 9-12 (Captain 11), Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-11, DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12, ASL 11, SADD 12, CEC 12
Helena Jancosek: Women's Ensemble 9-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (Vice President 12), NHS 11-12, French Club 10-12, Speech and Debate 11-12
Jonathan Jercha: DECA 10-12, Band 9-12, Speech 10, NHS 11-12, Concert Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-11

Angel Jimenez
Angela Jones: Cheerleading 9-12, Band 9-11, Best Buddies 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, DECA 11-12
Charles Jones
Shelinda Jones: Dance 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Kellie Juarez: Spanish Club 9-10

creative with cosplay

Hannah Villaroman, senior
an extraordinary story



touching every piece of light blue fabric JoAnn's has to offer, Hannah Villaroman, senior, and Ryann Thompson, junior, try to select the perfect piece for a costume she is about to make.

Hannah and her friends participated in cosplay throughout the year, making their own costumes of characters from anime, video games, comics, movies and more. Her interest in cosplay stemmed from her interest in anime.

"I've always been into anime," Hannah said. "I went to my first convention in 2011 and saw all the cosplayers and thought it was really cool. I wanted to try it out for myself. I did it the next year when I went back to the convention."

Hannah spent months preparing for upcoming conventions. The first step was to decide which character to cosplay.

"I changed my mind so much before I got my final line-up," Hannah said.

Once she decided which character to cosplay, she made an intricate plan for the prices of the conventions, materials for her costumes and other expenses.

"I made a million trips to JoAnn's and spent hours seraching for stuff on the internet," Hannah said. "Depending on how complicated the costume was, it could take weeks or even months to make."

When her costumes were finished, she was able to enjoy herself at the conventions she went to. At conventions she hung out with friends, admired and showed off costumes and took pictures.

Corey Kaminsky
Anna Kaniewski: Softball 9-t1, Volleyball 9-t0, German Club 9-t2, French Club 10-t2, Chorale t0-t2, Orchestra 9-12, NtIS 11-12
Niko Karagan: Soccer 9-12
Mackenzie Kasper: Dance 9-12 (Captain t0), Spanish Club 10-12, Best Buddies t0-t2, ASL Club 10-12, NHS 11-12
Madeline Kasper: Dance Team 9-t2, NHS 11-t2, Best Buddies 10-12, ASL 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12

Evan Kattan: Soccer 9-12
Daniel Kerrick
Jacob Kerrick
Aamina Khan: Speech and Debate 9-t2, *Paragon* 10-12 (Co-Editor-In-Chief 12), IU Honors t1, We the People 11, DECA 12, NHS 11-t2, Quill and Scroll Society 11-12
Nicholas King

Tyler Kisel
Michael Kitchell
Nathan Kondamuri
Xiang Kong
Allan Korem: Baseball 9-12

Daniel Kotfer: Baseball t0, Ping Pong Club 10,12
Leasha Kraai
Peter Kraft
Jennifer Kristoff
Sylvie Kristoff: Soccer 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Track 11-12, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 10

sifting through walls of fabric, Hannah Villaroman, senior, and Ryann Thompson, junior, decide which fabrics would work best for their upcoming Cosplay. "For fabrics, it all depended on the costume," Hannah said. "I tried to choose fabrics that worked best with the patterns that I used. I really liked linens, suitings and knits!" **as Hannah leafs** through the pages of a pattern book, she tries to find the perfect pattern to match the character Jade Harley from the webcomic Homestuck. "I spent hours looking at patterns," Hannah said. "It could be really hard to find the perfect pattern for costumes. I had to search to find something close enough to whatever I was working on that could be easily edited."

the road to a cosplay

preparation for a cosplay has several requirements and needs

1. reference pictures of costume
2. sewing machine
3. fabric
4. wig for costume
5. props
6. thread
7. notions (snaps, buttons, etc.)
8. money (for convention, costume, etc.)
9. colored contacts (depending on character)
10. photographer to document the final product

source: Hannah Villaroman, senior

James Krupa
Mary Kujawski: Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 10-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 10-12, NHS 11-12, Basketball 9
Elisabeth Lanman: French Club 9-10, Golf 10-11, Publications Photographer 11-12, DECA 12
Jessica Lapa: French Club 9-12
Kyle Leahy

Ji Lee
Justin Lee: Project X 9-12, JETS 9-12, Science Olympiad 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12
Mitchell Leslie
Dylan Levan
Carly Levin: Poetry Club 12 (President 12), French Club 9-12, German Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Marching Band 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Pep Band 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12 (House Manager 12), Project X 9-12 (Officer 12)

Michael Litwiller: Football 9, Marching Band 9-12 , Jazz Band 12, Concert Band 10-12
Breanna Lopez
Cristina Lopez: Orchestra 9-12, Chorale 10-12, Choir 9-12, Spanish Club 10, Best Buddies 10-11, Project X 9-11
Serena Lopez: Basketball 9-11, Project X 10, Spanish Club 9-10
Tatiana Lopez: Tennis 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9, French Club 11 12, German Club 12, Project X 12, Best Buddies 12

Nicholas Loughlin: Project X 9-11, Speech and Debate 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, JETS 12
Nikola Lukic: Football 9, Track 11, German Club 9, 11-12, Spanish Club 9, 11 DECA 11, Ping Pong Club 9-10
Max Lundin: Swimming 9-12, Best Buddies 11-12, Civics Club 12
Erin Lusk: Volleyball 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9-10, Project X 9-10, Best Buddies 11, NHS 11-12, Publications Photographer 11-12
Zachary Lyons

five steps to gangnam style

students learn the dance to Gangnam Style as the South Korean song swept the nation

1. **riding the horse**
Cross your hands like taking the reins of a horse and pulse up and down while doing small jumps with your legs spread like riding a horse. Steps should be right, left, right, right, left, right, left, left then repeat the steps.

2. **lassoing the sexy lady**
Do a lassoing motion with your right arm and continue jumping motion with repeated steps right, left, right, right, left, right, left then left.

3. **everyone look at me**
Hands on waist and small hip side movements combined with foot steps: slight kick with right leg, alternate with small jumps with the left leg.

4. **combine a few steps**
Cross your hands over left leg, spread and flex legs, move body up and down three times.
Now move your hips to the outside with quick movements twice. Rotate your right leg three times maintaining body position.

5. **strike a pose**
finally, end the song with your own cool pose, as a big finale.

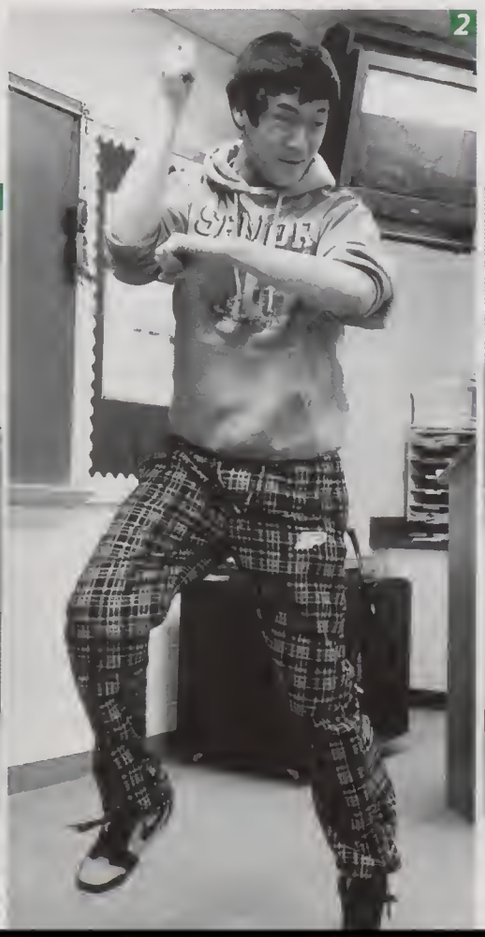
source: www.buzzfeed.com

Trisha Madura: Dance 9-10 (Captain 10), Project X 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 11, SADD 11
Alisha Maiolo: Track 9-12, ASL Club 11-12
Christian Markey
Holly Markovich: NHS 11-12, JETS 9-12, Science Olympiad 9-12
Nicholas Marlow

Arielle Martin: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 12), NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 10-11
Heather Martin
Sarah Mathew: French Club 11-12, ASL Club 11-12, Art Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, German Club 11-12, Spell Bowl 11-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 11-12, Ping Pong Club 11-12, Best Buddies 11-12, Speech and Debate 11
Matthew Mavity: Spanish Club 9-12 (Secretary 10, Vice President 11-12), NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12, Project X 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9-12, Science Olympiad 11, Orchestra 9-10
Laurence McCarthy: Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12, NHS 12, DECA 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10

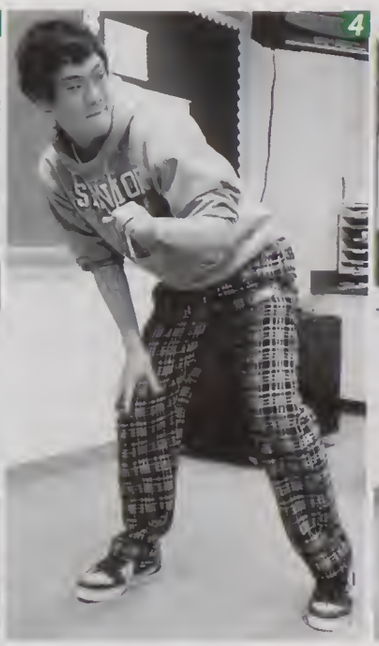
Sean McCarthy: Basketball 9-10, Baseball 9-12
Cristina McNeiley: Art Club 9-12 (President 12), Spanish Club 9-12 (Officer 12), Best Buddies 10-12, Softball 9-10, Track 11-12, NHS 12, Speech and Debate 9-10
Connor McShea
Austin Melder
Byron Merlos

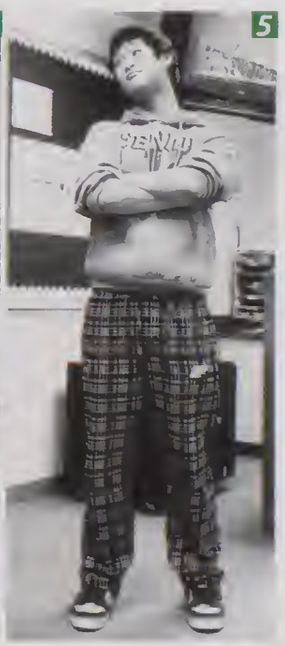
Nicole Mielnicki: Spanish Club 9, German Club 10-12, Orchestra 9-12
Anastasia Mileusnic
Nicholas Milkovich: Football 9-12, Wrestling 12, SADD 12, French Club 9-12, Student Government 9, CEC 10-12, DECA 10-12
Ameera Minhas: Speech and Debate 10-11, Project X 10-11, Tennis 10, NHS 11-12, DECA 11, Ping Pong Club 11, We the People 12
Emily Mis: Cheerleading 9-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12, Spanish Club 9-10, French Club 9-12



dance time

Demonstrating the steps to Gangnam Style, Michael Han, senior, dances away. "I liked doing the dance," Michael said. "Korean music has been a growing influence around the world. By dancing to the song, I felt that I was expressing my pride of being part of a very influential and wonderful culture. Plus, I enjoyed dancing in general, so it was like shooting two birds with one stone."





Brandon Mitchell
Lauren Mitchell: Softball 9, German Club 9-11, Art Club 10
Adam Miyashiro
Eva Montejano
Jacob Morse

James Moss
Madyson Moyer: Volleyball 9-12, Track 11-12, SADD 9-12, DECA 10-12, ASL Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 10-12, Project X 9-10
Michael Mueller: Basketball 9-10, Baseball 9-12 (Captain 12)
Carly Murphy: Spanish Club 9-11, Project X 12, Softball 9-12
Lance Natonski: German Club 11-12, Best Buddies 12

Jeremy Navarro
Breanna Nelson
Christopher Newman
Benjamin Nichols: Munster Theatre Company 9-12, Student Government 10, 12 (Vice President 12), IU Honors 11, Speech and Debate 9, *Crier* 10, DECA 10, We the People 12, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12
Meghan Nordstrom

Theresa Novosel
Kevin O'Brien: Football 9, Basketball 9-10, Baseball 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Project X 11, NHS 11-12
Colleen Ogren: Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-12
Carson Ollo: Basketball 9, Band 9-10, DECA 12
Edyth Ortiz

routinely reps

combining mental discipline with physical strength, Ben Gonzalez, senior, maintains a rigorous training schedule

pressing his chest against the tire, clutching the underside with his hands, and pushing it off the ground through his legs, Ben Gonzalez, senior, trains for the army. "Being able to lift weights doesn't necessarily mean you're strong," Ben said. "And looking at that big tire brings a different aspect into it. It is a mental battle." **with all his strength,** Ben Gonzalez, senior, sets down a weighted barrel after lifting it up. He trained regularly, doing repititions of heavy weight lifting. **hunched over,** Ben Gonzalez, senior, picks up some heavy weights, grabbing them by their handles. For Ben, training was more than physical. It required mental strength, as well.

Dana Owens: Softball 9, Speech and Debate 9-11, Athletic Training 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 10-12
Delilah Owens: Swimming 9-11, Speech and Debate 9-10, Munster Theatre Company 9-12, Women's Ensemble 9-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-12
Dylan Ozug
Wilfred Vincent Pacatang Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 10, NHS 11-12, Tennis 11-12, DECA 9-11, Project X 10-12
Tatiana Padilla

Julia Parobek
David Pasos
Jonathan Pasyk: Track 10-12 (Captain 12), DECA 9-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 9-12, CEC 11 (Treasurer 11), Best Buddies 11-12, JETS 12, Spanish Club 9-11
Apurva Patel
Kishan Patel

Parin Patel: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), DECA 9-12, SADD 9-12, Best Buddies 10-12, CEC 10, NHS 11-12, French Club 10-12
Bradley Patricks
Andrea Paunicka: Best Buddies 11-12, Project X 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Ping Pong Club 11, Volleyball 9-10, SADD 12
Hallie Peilet
Marguerite Perino: Spanish Club 9-12 (Secretary 11, President 12), Speech and Debate 9-10, NHS 11-12, Project X 12, Chorale 9-12, SADD 12
Michael Peters: Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Speech and Debate 9-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-12, German Club 9-12, Science Olympiad 9-12, Spell Bowl 9-12, JETS 10-12, Academic Super Bowl 12, Chorale 12, Men's Ensemble 10-12, Orchestra 9-10, NHS 11-12, National Merit Finalist 12
Priya Pierie: *Paragon* 11-12 (Managing Editor 12), NHS 11-12, IU Honors 11, Speech 10-12, Best Buddies 10-12, Munster Theatre Company 9-10, Project X 9-10
Taylor Pilota
Nicole Plewniak: Volleyball 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, ASL Club 11-12, DECA 11-12, Ping Pong Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 9-12
Maya Portillo: Orchestra 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, CEC 11-12 (Secretary 11, President 12), DECA 11-12, Project X 9-12, SADD 10-11, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 10-12, Speech and Debate 10-11, IU Honors 11

carrying the weight

Ben Gonzalez, senior
an extraordinary story

Haul weight. Set down. Repeat. Ben Gonzalez, senior, trained regularly, lifting weights as heavy as 600 pounds. Many guys Ben's age had an interest in physical fitness, but for Ben, it meant much more—it meant his future. It meant enlisting in the military.

"I have always wanted to help people," Ben said. "I believe that the number one career option for helping people would be the military."

Despite the dangers and risks associated with joining the military, Ben remains determined to pursue his desires.

"I've read a lot of statistics about suicide and the level of suicide," Ben Gonzalez, senior, said. "As long as you keep your mind straight and you realize what you're doing is for the good of the country, than maybe the daunting feelings could fade," Ben said.

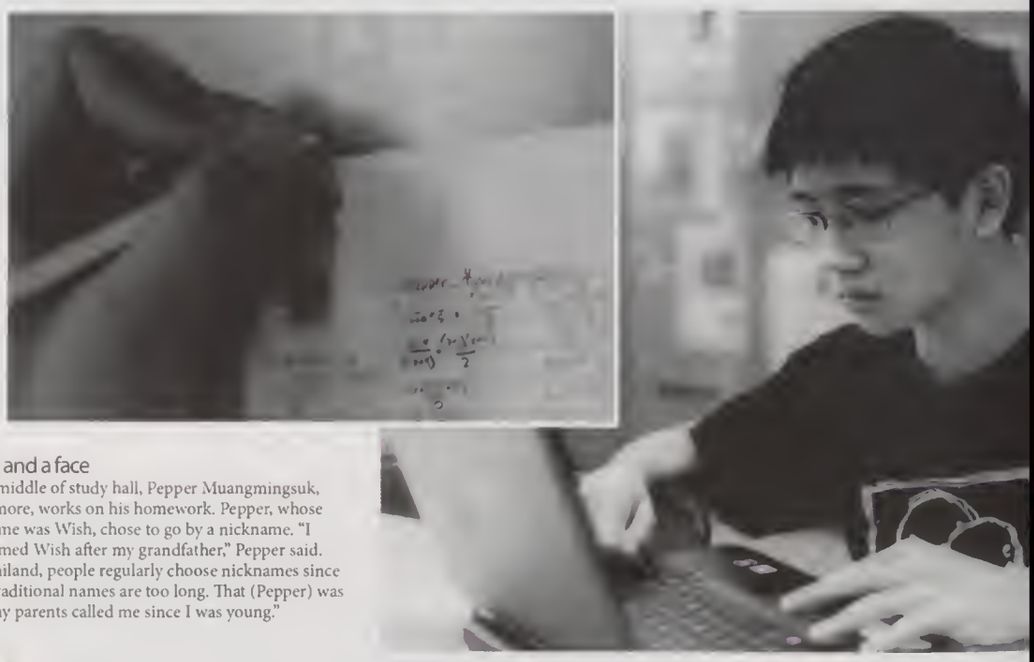
As his post-graduation plans differed from those of most of his classmates, Ben also found himself in a different mimdset.

"Most kids worry about the next four years where I have to worry about the next eleven to twelve," Ben said.

Michael Poulos: Baseball 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9-12
Marcus Prado
Charles Prucha: Robotics 10-12, French Club 9
Jessica Pruim
Kimberly Pruim

Bridget Pruzin: Speech and Debate 9-12, We the People 11, DECA 10-12, Volleyball 9, Spanish Club 9-10, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
Samuel Punday
Taha Qureshi
Maria Radbel: Spanish Club 9, French Club 11
Jillian Rademacher: Volleyball 9, Project X 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 11 12, ASL Club 12

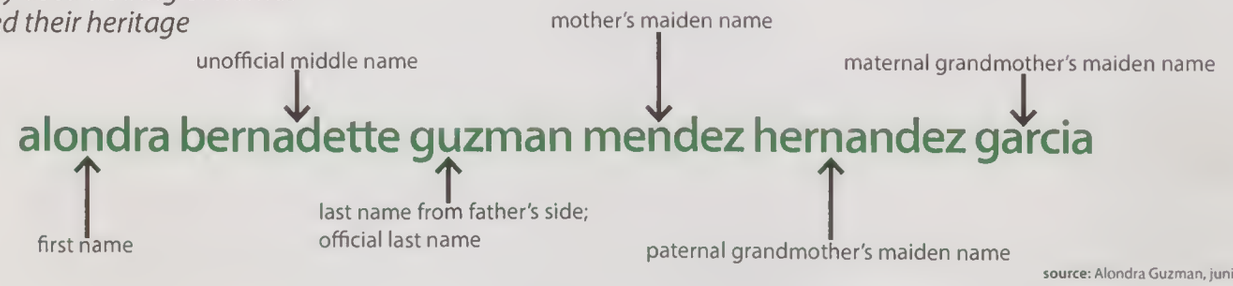
Nadia Radowick: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain), Track 11-12, French Club 9-12, SADD 12
Haley Reda: Spanish Club 9, Project X 9, Art Club 10-11, Project X 10-11, Tennis 11, Best Buddies 12
Ashley Reinke
Daniel Riggs: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), NHS 11-12, IU Honors 11, DECA 11-12, Spanish Club 11-12
Kyle Riordan



name and a face
In the middle of study hall, Pepper Muangmingsuk, sophomore, works on his homework. Pepper, whose real name was Wish, chose to go by a nickname. "I was named Wish after my grandfather," Pepper said. "In Thailand, people regularly choose nicknames since most traditional names are too long. That (Pepper) was what my parents called me since I was young."

name games

as part of tradition, some students occasionally used a string of names that showed their heritage


unofficial middle name
mother's maiden name
maternal grandmother's maiden name
alondra bernadette guzman mendez hernandez garcia
first name
last name from father's side; official last name
paternal grandmother's maiden name

source: Alondra Guzman, junior

Justin Rios
Frank Rodriguez
Suzana Rodriguez: Art Club 10, French Club 9-12, Cross Country 11-12
Mariana Rogers: Volleyball 9-12
Brandon Roman

Abigail Rosas
Lindsay Rozynek: Spanish Club 9-11, French Club 10, ASL Club 10-12, SADD 9-11, NHS 11-12, Project X 9-11
Stacey Ruiz
Erin Sandoval
Mariah Saucedo: Track 9-12, Robotics 10-12, Best Buddies Club 10-12, Spanish Club 9-11, Speech and Debate 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9-10, Volleyball 10

Michael Schlotman
Ally Schooler
Bruce Schramm
Megan Sellberg: Marching Band 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Swimming 9-10, NHS 11-12
Miesha Severinov

name calling

what's in a name?

names from all different backgrounds could be found amongst students

for many, a person's name is the first word he or she learns how to spell. They're shouted in the hallways and written on the upper corner of assignments without a second thought. Though names weren't appreciated daily, some students' names attracted more attention than others. Kevin Spork, sophomore, had a unique last name that tended to produce a typical reaction.

"(A common response to my last name would be) 'Like the utensil?' or 'Can I call you Sporky?'" Kevin said. "Lots of people thought it was a really cool last name too, and I got a lot of compliments."

Kevin even embraced the oddity of his last name and the utensil it mimicked by occasionally changing his Facebook display name to Kevin Spoonfork.

In addition to quirky names, there were some names that hinted at a distinctive cultural background. Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle, sophomore's, Nigerian name meant "God places me in honor." The name was difficult to pronounce at first for new friends and acquaintances.

"Most people asked me what was on my name plate, which was my name," Oluwagbemisola said. "Then I'd have to pronounce my entire name like a billion times."

From cultural traditions to quirky tributes, names left a lasting impression on people.

Scott Shaner: Football 10-12 (Captain 12), Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9
Megan Sheets: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 12), Best Buddies 10-12, Spanish Club 9, NHS 11-12
Evan Shmagranoff: Soccer 9-12, French Club 9-11
Alex Sikora
Nicholas Simic

Annie Skertic: Soccer 9-11, SADD 10-12, Project X 11-12, NHS 11-12, *Crier* 11-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12)
Lisa Slavo
Kelsia Smith
Catherine Sohilo: Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, French Club 9-12, German Club 10-12, Softball 9-10, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 12
Carson Somodi

Rachael Spencer: Swimming 9-12
Nicholas Stassin
Kristina Stepanovic: NHS 11-12, Project X 9-11, ASL Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11, SADD 9-11, Ping Pong Club 10, Best Buddies 11
Emma Sarah Stephens
Kaylee Stewart

taking flight

Rilee Whitaker, senior
an extraordinary story

five thousand feet above the rural Lewis, Illinois farmlands, Rilee Whitaker, senior, pilots a plane for the first time.

"Right then, I was sure that flight was what I wanted to do for a living," Rilee said. "In my little Cessna 172 (type of plane), it was such a different perspective from above. I loved it because I felt like I was in my own world."

Rilee's interest in flying began at a young age as a result of her parents' jobs and frequent flights.

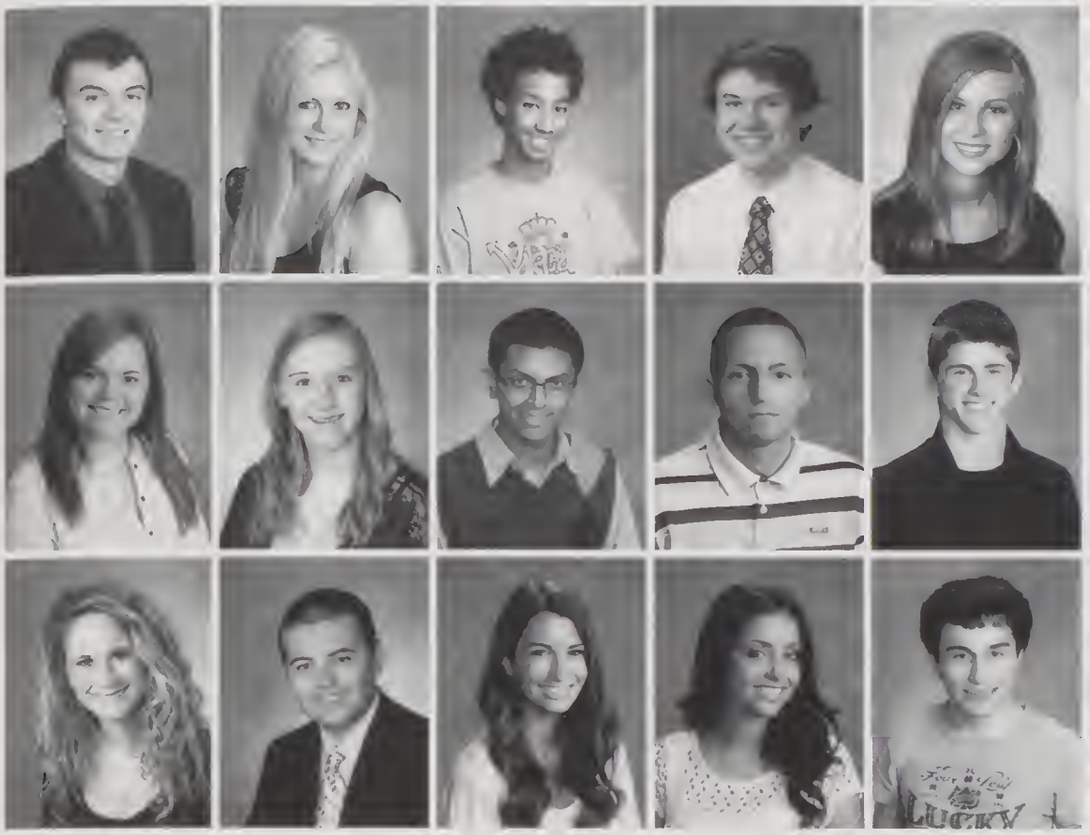
"I've always wanted to become a pilot," Rilee said. "When I was little, both of my parents worked for airlines at Midway and O'Hare airport. We traveled a lot and always flew. I loved it and never took my eyes off the sky."

Rilee began attending introductory flight lessons at Lewis University between her sophomore and junior years. However, it was not until the summer before her senior year that she focused on getting her license.

"At lessons, most of the time I would fly," Rilee said. "However, I would sometimes do ground school, which included studying procedures, performing calculations and learning about flight in a book. I had to study extra outside of my school classes, but the extra work was so rewarding."

In January of her senior year, Rilee reached the solo stage in her lessons, which meant she was able to fly without an instructor in the plane with her.

"Soloing for the first time is the biggest accomplishment for every pilot," Rilee said. "People asked if I was nervous, and naturally, I was a little bit. But as soon as I started the engine, I relaxed. After takeoff, I looked around and instantly felt freedom like I never had before. Words could not express how happy I felt."



Jeremy Stout
Ashley Suda: NHS 11-12, Project X 9-11, ASL Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11, SADD 9-11, Ping Pong Club 10, Best Buddies 11
Zachary Suggs: IU Honors 11, Publications Photographer 11-12
Colin Szafranski
Maggie Szakacs: NHS 11-12, CEC 10-12 (Vice President 12), Project X 9-12, DECA 10-11, SADD 9-12, French Club 9-12, Tennis 10, Ping Pong Club 9

Jennifer Tassaro: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 12), Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, French Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 12, Pep Band 10-12
Kaitlyn Taylor: Track 11-12, Project X 9-12 (Officer 12), ASL Club 10-12 (Secretary 11), SADD 11-12 (Officer 12)
Ronak Tilva: Tennis 10-12, Golf 11-12, DECA 12, Project X 11, Ping Pong Club 10
Eduardo Tirado
Kye Tratar: Football 9-12, Swimming 10, Track 12

Erica Tritsch: Tennis 9-12, DECA 10-12, CEC 10-11, NHS 11-12, Speech and Debate 9-10
David Trivunovic: Band 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 11, NHS 11-12
Erica Tuley: Cheerleading 9-12, NHS 11-12
Nicole Valverde
Thomas Vanko

preparing for takeoff

pilots go through a checklist of tasks to prepare the plane for takeoff

1. remove control lock
2. turn off magnetos
3. check fuel quantity indicators
4. check main tires and brakes
5. secure antennas
6. check wingtip and leading edge
7. close access door
8. check prop and spinner
9. clear fuel vent

source: Rilee Whitaker, senior

eyes on the sky
Aviators and headset in place, Rilee Whitaker, senior, prepares for takeoff. "Before I took off, I usually mechanically thought through procedures," Rilee said. "I had to prep and go through all the steps to make sure I was all ready to go."

prime premieres

students wait all year for the season premieres of their favorite tv shows

Suits, USA Network

• Lawyer Harvey Specter hires college drop out Mike Ross for his smarts; both help each other out while trying to keep their secret from the rest of the office

Pretty Little Liars, ABC Family

• After their friend is murdered, Spencer, Aria, Emily and Hanna get caught in a web of lies as they try to solve the crime while being stalked by "A"

The Walking Dead, AMC

• In the midst of a zombie epidemic, a group of allies try to survive in the months following the apocalypse; the group finds themselves more dangerous than the walkers

The Voice, NBC

• Contestants audition to work with one of four celebrity coaches; Adam Levine, Usher, Shakira and Blake Shelton try to create the next big star

The Big Bang Theory, CBS

• Nerdy physicists Sheldon, Leonard, Raj and Howard are content with comics and *Star Trek* until outgoing Penny moves next door, bringing them out of their shells

Criminal Minds, CBS

• The Behavioral Analysis Unit at the FBI travels around the country capturing serial killers, some interfering with their personal lives, making them question their career

source: usanetwork.com, abcfamily.com, amctv.com, nbc.com, the-big-bang-theory.com, imbd.com

inticed by the TV, Kassandra Barazza, sophomore, waits for the winter premiere of "The Walking Dead" to begin. "I was never interested in the show itself, but my stepdad was watching it, and I decided to try something new," Kassandra said. "I started watching it, and since then, I've never missed an episode." **blankets wrapped** around her, Kassandra Barazza, sophomore, can't take her eyes off of the newest episode of "The Walking Dead." Each new show brought something new and exciting, according to Kassandra. "The end of every episode has a cliff hanger, which is what makes it exciting," Kassandra said. "It made you keep watching to know what happens. There was drama and action, which you could never get enough of."

Kayla Vandergriff
Liana Varjahedian: Dance 9-10, Speech and Debate 9-12, Student Government 9-10, CEC 11-12, French Club 9-11, DECA 10-12, Best Buddies 9-10, NHS 11-12, Tennis 9
Marcos Vasquez: Football 9, Spanish Club 12, Track 12
Armando Vazquez: Spanish Club 9-12, Track 10-12
Anthony Vetrano: Track 10

Milica Vezmar: Track 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, Orchestra 9-12
Nia Villalobos
Hannah Villaroman: French Club 9-12, German Club 10-12
Noah Villaroman: German Club 9-12, Track 12, Ping Pong Club 9-12, IU Honors 10

George Vlahos
Michael Wadas: Wind Ensemble 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-11, Mixed Ensemble 9, Men's Ensemble 11-12, JETS 9-12, Munster Theatre Company 9, Speech and Debate 9-12, Science Olympiad 9, Academic Super Bowl 10 (Captain 10), Student Government 11-12, NHS 11-12
Olivia Wagner: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9-10, 12), NHS 11-12, DECA 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10, SADD 10, French Club 10
Jessica Wargo: Soccer 9-12, Softball 9-10, Choir 9-12, Best Buddies 12, ASL Club 10-12, Project X 11-12, Munster Theatre Company 11-12

Bridget Warner: Softball 9, Speech and Debate 9-11, Spanish Club 10-11, French Club 9-10, Best Buddies 10-11, Project X 9
Jolie Watson
Miles Webber
Ashley Wenzel: Basketball 9, Tennis 9, Student Government 9, CEC 10, Project X 10, DECA 10-12, Speech and Debate 10-11, Art Club 12, NHS 12

the perfect premiere

movie and tv show premieres

students invest themselves in new TV shows and movies, waiting for popular premieres and cliff-hanging finales

flipping though her AP Psychology notecards, Andrea Paunicka, senior, tries to retain the information. However, her mind is somewhere else. Sitting in the dark, crowded theater, she awaits the midnight premiere of *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2.*

"After Part 1, my friend and I were already talking about how we were going to see Part 2 together," Andrea said. "That's how excited we were."

Midnight movie premieres were only one of the several movie premieres that took place over the course of the year.

One popular TV show premiere and finale was "The Walking Dead." Several students, such as Kayetan Wozniak, sophomore, got together with friends to watch episodes together.

Overall, students awaited premieres and finales to deviate from the normal school routine and provide excitement, according to Andrea.

"We waited for so long after the previews," Andrea said. "And for tv shows, you would watch all the seasons and save the best for last."

Rilee Whitaker: Swimming 9-10, Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, French Club 9-12, Project X 11-12
Hannah White: Basketball 9-11, Project X 11, SADD 11-12
Ryan Wilkens
Corey Williams
Emily Wimmer: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 12)

Brooke Winter: Track 9, Project X 9-12, SADD 9-12, French Club 9-12, Spanish Club 12, Women's Ensemble 10-11, Chorale 10-12, CEC 9
Ethan Witting: Football 9-12
Jacob Wojcik: Soccer 9-12
Nicholas Wolak
Ryan Yates: Baseball 9-12

Alexandra Ylo: Women's Ensemble 9, Speech and Debate 9-11, NHS 11-12, *Paragon* 10-12 (Co-Editor-in-Chief 12)
Douglas Yokovich
Renee Zapinski: Cheerleading 9-12, Band 9-12
Devin Zuck: Science Olympiad 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Band 9-12 (Drum Major 12), Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-10, JETS 9-12
Briana Zunica: Softball 9-12, Basketball 9-10

fashionable future

Tiffany Troumouliaris, junior
an extraordinary story

Sporting Forever 21 jeans with a Love Culture top, Tiffany Troumouliaris, junior, walks through the halls, showing her love for fashion.

"I love fashion. It's just something that I enjoy doing," Tiffany said. "I don't see it as dressing up, I just see it as my own style."

Tiffany's passion for fashion inspired her to study fashion marketing and business.

"When I came into high school, I knew that I just loved fashion," Tiffany said. "When I joined Fashion and Apparel Marketing in DECA, I realized that it was something that I wanted to pursue as I got older."

Tiffany's love for fashion did not stop at just shopping and practicing for DECA. After her junior year, Tiffany planned to graduate early and attend the Savannah College of Art and Design to study fashion marketing.

"I was really excited to be able to graduate a year early," Tiffany said. "There was nothing really at Munster besides DECA that was fashion oriented, so instead of taking regular core curriculum, I would have rather graduated early and taken an early course in college."

After studying one year at Savannah College, Tiffany intended to study at their campus in Hong Kong for a global experience.

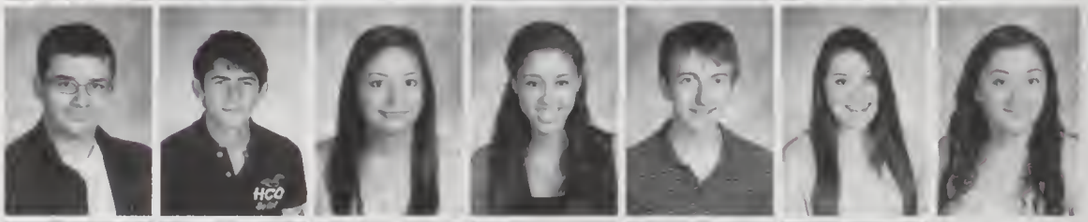
"I knew I always wanted to study outside of the U.S.," Tiffany said. "At first, I was looking at colleges in London and Europe, but I decided to study in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is such a global Mecca for business nowadays. They have a great fashion industry and getting a world wide experience would really help me out."

Although studying abroad may seem like a lofty dream, Tiffany has confidence that she can achieve anything she wants.

"I know it's a high dream, but I set my dreams high," Tiffany said. "I'm sure I'll be able to attain them."

Tayseer Abdelsalam
Jacob Ahlf
Erick Alanis
Joshua Allard
Brandon Amaloo
Emily Anderson
Evangelia Andreatos

Christopher Anguiano
Jack Arnold
Kathryn Arteaga
Betty Askew
George Asya-Broughton
Jessica Avina
Victoria Avina



Jonathan Azar
James Baker
Jessica Banks
Caroline Beckman
Elizabeth Beckman
Abigail Bednarowski
Samuel Bell

Jeremy Benedek
William Benman
Samantha Bensema
Austin Berry
James Bieniak
Nicholas Blackstone
Mary Blocher

Taylor Bandura
Krystyn Blood
Justin Bobos
Emily Bochnowski
Spencer Boerman
Kaitlyn Bohling
Thomas Bolanowski
Clinton Boykins

in front of the mirror, Tiffany Troumouliaris, junior, looks for a top that fits her style. "I would say my style is classic and chic," Tiffany said. "I like to wear a lot of black because I think that even if you're just wearing black, it looks clean cut." **looking through the racks,** Tiffany Troumouliaris, junior, relieves her stress by going shopping. "It (shopping) was just something I loved to do," Tiffany said. "For me, it was sort of a de-stressor, and it could instantly put me in a good mood."

shopping around

Tiffany Troumouliaris, junior, shops at different stores to fill up her wardrobe with various clothing items

top:
Love Culture
$15

bag:
TJ Maxx
$30

belt:
TJ Maxx
$15

skirt:
Forever 21
$30

boots:
Ralph Lauren
$100

Adis Bradaric
Ryan Brickman
Vincent Broelmann
Amanda Brown
Jason Brown
Kendra Brown
Jesse Bruzan

Jessica Burek
Amber Caldwell
Cesar Camacho
Matthew Cappo
Steven Caraher
Itxel Carlos
Alexis Carrizales

Gina Catania
Vincent Caudill
Uttam Chander
Ariana Chioros
Ian Clark
Alex Coccia
Charmaine Connell

Sadie Conner
Maritza Contreras
Analiese Corey
Alexander Courtney
Tatiana Cruz
Ansell Dafiaghor
Shriya Das

Jacob DeBoer
Alex Del Rio
Antonio Delgado
Ricardo Delgado
Demetri Delis
Paul Derolf
Christian Diaz-O'Connell

Tyler Dickeson
Alyse Dittrich
Luis Dominguez
Matthew Dorabialski
Gabrielle Dore
Cassandra Eberle
Zackary Eismin

Dorian Elzy
Ruben Escalante
Julia Eskander
Austin Etter
Elaina Etter
Maui Evans
Shannon Farrell

Bess Fary
Daniel Fehring
Hannah Fischer
Robyn Flanagan-Seels
Brenda Flores
Jonathan Flores
Erin Flynn

Jacob Flynn
James Foster
Alison Frankland
Evan Fus
Joseph Gallagher
Maritza Garcia
Nayelly Garcia

Jacob Gariup
Aleksandra Gasich
Lara Gasich
Demetrios Georgalas
Amelia Georgas
Jyotshal Ghimire
Shawn Gish

Kori Gleason
Harrison Goldenberg
Miguel Gonzalez
Allyson Goodrich
Casey Gouwens
Lucas Groszewski
Amber Grove

theater showdown

students compare Munster Theatre Company to Towle Theater in Hammond

Munster Theatre Company

- Practices until 4:30 pm
- Age separated
- Learn on-stage techniques
- Munster Auditorium staff does lighting and stage work

Towle Theater

- Starts practice at 4:30 pm
- Wide range of ages
- Learn all aspects of theater
- Cast members do lighting and stage work

source: Peyton Tinder, frehsman; Jenna Hoffmann, senior; Lauren Florek, freshman

laughing hour
Notes in hand, Peyton Tinder, freshman, studies for an upcoming play at the Towle Theater, *The Laughing Stock*. "I worked on my lines basically whenever I got the chance, but that would be for about four times a week," Peyton said.

Cody Grzybowski
Sydney Gunty
Alondra Guzman
Adrian Guzman De La Mora
Kyle Hansen
Tyler Hansen
Brandon Hanusin

Max Hastings
Robert Heitz
Samuel Helmer
Heather Hemingway
Nelson Hemingway
Mario Hernandez
Steven Herndon

David Hladek
Ross Hobbs
Emylee Huard
Ashley Hwang
Blessing Ibikunle-Salami
Nicklaus Ingoglia
Miriam Isa

Katarina Ivanovic
Priasha Iyer
Jake Janik
Jamal Jenkins
Fernando Jimenez
Ana Johnson
Michael Jurkash

Katlin Kalemba
Emily Kaniewski
John Kapitan
Morgan Kaptur
Maria Karamichos
Rebecca Karnezis
Taylor Katalinic

Nathalie Kauz
Paulina Kawalec
Zachary Kennedy
Deeva Khatiwada
Colleen Kifer
Jung Klm
Brian King

theater away from home

students dedicate time to Towle theater

not all students limit themselves to the school theater; some choose to join the Towle Theater in Hammond

Dividing her time between two theaters, Peyton Tinder, freshman, joined Towle Theater in Hammond, as well as the Munster Theatre Company in order to further pursue her passion for acting.

"I actually started doing things at the Towle back when I was going to a school where they didn't have a theater program, but now I do shows at both theaters," Peyton said. "I don't know about other people, but I could never be in too many shows at a time."

Some students joined Towle Theater as well as Munster Theatre Company. Towle Theater members ranged from 12 to 18 years old, according to Peyton.

"We all loved the Towle," Peyton said. "We were all kind of like a huge family, but we loved to perform."

Members did two shows a year, one play in the spring and one musical in the fall. Usually, they rehearsed five times a week for musicals and three times a week for plays, according to Peyton.

"I honestly love theater and there was nothing I love more than performing," Peyton said. "The Towle provided a great environment and we just were allowed to be ourselves and share our talent with others. There was nothing that made me happier."

Matthew Kingdollar
Elizabeth Kloos
Joseph Kmak
Natalia Kotz
Samantha Koufos
Haridimos Kouklakis
Alissa Kowalski

Andrew Kremmidas
Sudhin Krishnan
Kyle Kristoff
Nicholas Kujovich
Kasey Kulesa
Eashan Kumar
Savannah Kurgan

Emily Lagestee
Jacob Lakomek
Arturo Landeros
Isabella Lappo
Catherine Lebryk
Marko Lekic
Flynn LeMonnier

Zachary Liesenfelt
Skylar Lolkema
Katherine Long
Tyra Lott
Kailee Loughlin
Rodolfo Magana
Jessika Majszak

Nicole Mammano
Cheyenne Marciniak
Rachel Markowicz
Amanda Martin
Nathan Matthews
Eliott Maul
Patrick McCarthy

Amy McCullough
Michael McGrath
Reggie McKenney
Emily McNicholas
Deanna McPartlan
Benjamin Mecyssine
Tyler Mehay

Joel Mendoza
Taylor Michalski
Taylor Mihalic
Victoria Miller
Amanda Milojkovitch
Lauren Mintz
Jacob Mirowski

Akhilesh Mishra
Ahmed Mohamed
Ayaz Mohammed
Saam Mojtahed
Haley Moles
Alexis Monthie
Alejandro Morado

Joseph Moreno
Justin Moreno
Winston Mosley
Supitcha Muangmingsuk
Allison Mudro
Judie Muhrez
Alisa Munoz

leaps and bounds

Jake Flynn, junior
an extraordinary story

Upon request to perform a stunt, Jake Flynn, junior, scans the halls and pushes a garbage can into place in the center of the hallway. He stands back, pauses, and in one swift motion, he bolts down the hallway and leaps over the obstacle. Jake, unfazed by his accomplishment, was no stranger to stunts like these. After watching popular Youtube videos, Jake was inspired to learn more about the practice of parkour.

"I heard about parkour about four years ago on Youtube, and I thought it was awesome," Jake said. "I wanted to learn what it was and how I could learn it."

Parkous was a trend that recieved a lot of attention, but was often misconstrued by the public. Jake, however, had a proper explanation for the activity.

"Parkour is a physical practice to push your body to the edge and viewed by many as a martial art or form of meditation," Jake said.

For Jake, parkour proved to be an excercise that cleared his mind and challenged his abilities.

"Parkour was a way to feel free and let go of all your stress," Jake said. "It pushed my body everytime I did it."

overcoming obstacles
In the hallway, Jake Flynn, junior, performs a vault. Vaults required the performer to use his or her arms to pass over the object.

bust a move

parkour requires the use of certain stunts

source: parkourtrain.net

vault: Any jump that incorporates the use of the arms to overcome the obstacle.

parkour roll: The body is rollled across the ground shoulder first, ending at the opposite hip.

wall pass: Technique involving running toward a wall and then converting the forward momentum into a jump. A wall pass involved taking one or more running steps up a vertical surface and catching on the top with your hands.

Zoe Munoz
Vijay Narayan
Jasmin Nelson
Jazmin Nevarez
Vanessa Newell
Valerie Niemiec
Emma Nossem

Brittany Nowak
Claude Nunez
Megan O'Brien
Martin O'Shaughnessy
Belinda Oberman
Danica Obradovic
Bassam Odtallah

Manar Odtallah
Denys Opryshko
Demetrio Ornelas
Arturo Ortiz
David Osborne
Jill Osterhus
Jessie Palma

Peter Panos
Constantine Papadatos
Morgan Papesh
Ethan Paskewicz
Dhiraj Patil
Neeta Patwari
Quinton Pedrick

Cameron Pendrick
Charles Penning
Montay Penning
James Perino
Andrew Phifer
Michelle Pietruszka
Steven Pilipow

Joseph Pillarella
John Pitsas
Cede Plawecki
Kayla Potoski
Nicholas Powell
Elizabeth Prado
Payton Preboy

Michelle Prevatte
Paige Puplava
Michael Quintanilla
Steven Rakich
Christian Rangel
Kaley Regan
Tyler Reinsma

Matthew Reno
Christopher Rhodes
Erik Rhodes
Gina Rice
Samuel Rice
Colin Richter
Julie Ridder

loud and proud

mustang superfans

students keep up pep through a superfan section, supporting their classmates at games and matches

As Sammy Buvala, freshman, walks up the bleachers, she is surrounded by a sea of colorful Biddy Ball jersesys. The first Biddy Ball out of the season, the students go all out for the much anticipated game against Valparaiso.

The Superfan section made appearances at every football and basketball game, especially school rivalry games, such as the Varsity Boys' Basketball game against Lake Central (LC), according to Aaron Handler, senior.

"That was the first time we did the 'fake out,'" Aaron said. "It worked really well and our student section out-cheered LC's."

Students kept up with the latest cheers and uniforms through the Mustang Superfan page. Leaders of the group informed the superfans about game times, the color of shirt they were to wear and cheers they would use.

The student fan section acted as a support system for the athletes competing, according to Aaron.

"The teams loved having the extra support of their classmates when they were playing," Aaron said. "Us being able to cheer them on would inspire them to play better."

Eamon Riley
Deven Rodgers
Andrea Rodriguez
Jessica Rooth
Alec Roquena
Lauren Rouse
Joseph Ruffalo

Renee Rumas
Kelly Russell
Destiny Sabo
Epifanio Sadural
Gina Saez
Chloe Salisbury
Selena Samardzich

Calvin Sanders
Levi Sasek
Danijela Savic
Jennifer Scherzinger
Paul Schmitt
Luise Schuettler
Cassidy Schwartz

Rebecca Seligman
Nicholas Sepulveda
Tanner Seput
Akash Shah
Priya Shah
Joshua Shalen
Ishani Sharma

Madeline Sharmat
Sarah Sharpe
Nicholas Siano
Fareesa Siddiqui
Amanda Simchak
Sahib Singh
Sidarth Singh

duck umbrella in hand, Craig Dedelow, senior, and the rest of the student fan section yell "Quack!" as they cheer on the Varsity Football team as they play Morton. "I was watching *The Mighty Ducks,* and they started that chant before the championship game, so I thought it would bring us good luck," Criag said. **donned in a Wisconsin** football helmet, Trace McCarthy, senior, shouts at a Varsity Boys' Basketball game. "I loved going to games because it gave me a chance to express myself and just be unique," Trace said. "I loved making people laugh while having a great time doing it. Going also gave the team support."

superfan swag

before each game, the Mustang Superfan page would tell superfans what they should wear or do for the game in code

red/white/black out
students wore designated colored t-shirt

fake out
students wear designated colored t-shirt over another colored t-shirt, when the score reached eight, they would switch colors

silent night
the student section stayed silent until the team scored eight points

biddy ball out
each student had to obtain a biddy ball jersey

source: Mustang Superfan Facebook page

hands together
Smiles on their faces, seniors Travis Frank, Aaron Handler and Carson Ollo cheer for the Varsity Girls' Basketball Sectionals game.

Mateo Singleton
Alec Skalka
Zachary Slosser
Lauren Soeka
Janel Solis
Carly Sorensen

Nicholas Soy
Matthew Specht
Ashley Sprinkles
Elena Sroge
Allison Stahl
Carly Steinberg

Akina Stockling
Wendy Stocky
Megan Stone
Anna Stooksbury
Daniel Straka
Mary Strong

Zaria Suggs
Eric Svoboda
Caitlin Swetlik
Natalia Swiatko
Eric Swingler
Morgan Switalla

Matthew Szala
Kimberly Szymkowski
Ashley Talesky
Anthony Tate
Annilee Taylor
Brandon Tepper

Melissa Tepperman
Ryann Thompson
Roshan Tilva
Angelica Timar
Kristina Todorovic
Mia Torres

breaking the stereotype

Steven Pilipow, junior
an extraordinary story

Gender roles and labels never applied to Steven Pilipow, junior, who prefers high heels over gym shoes, high fashion over sports, and high rise women's jeans over boys' basketball shorts.

"I gave up on labels a long time ago," Steven said. "One of my problems was that I judged people, but I tried to stay away from them to categorize me. When I first found out I was gay, I told myself that I could not like pink because gays liked pink."

Steven opened up about himself more around eighth grade.

"In eighth grade I started dressing different," Steven said. "Freshman year I would wear nail polish on just one thumb, then the whole hand. Then sophomore year, I put eye-shadow on. The first time I did it, it looked like I had black eyes. Sophomore year I also ordered a pair of heels online for twenty dollars."

Sophomore year began Steven's infatuation with heels. His collection of heels included more than twenty pairs of different styles such as boot heels, stilettos and heelless heels.

"I could always walk in heels," Steven said. "I did not consider anything less than two inches as heels. With my paycheck I would buy a pair, and most of the time I would shop online because my feet were big."

Although Steven wore heels and behaved differently than the stereotypical boy, he found his friends supportive of him. Steven considered Laura Steele, the owner of his local video store, as almost his "other mother."

"My rock was my other mother," Steven said. "She helped me be myself through and through. I've been through transitions, but without her, I probably wouldn't have been wearing make-up."

Samuel Toth
Milos Trivunovic
Michele Troumouliaris
Tyler Van Wieren
Dayna Van Woert
Zachary Vanoeveren-Rinehart

Rathnam Venkat
Rachel Waltz
Benjamin Wanicki
Brendan Ward
Sebastian Weakland
Sarah Webster

Courtney Weinberg
Jamie Whiting
Jeffrey Wieser
Timothy Wieser
Kyle Wilkinson
Allison Wisniewski

Emma Witt
David Wittkamp
Mitchell Wojciechowski
Alyssa Wojcik
Tyler Wood
Jacob Woods

Stephen Woods-Malloy
Jeffrey Woodward
Luke Wuchenich
Brandon Yager
Kevin Yurasovich
Joseph Yurek

Leon Zajac
Omnya Zaman
Elaine Zmuda
Courtney Zunica

morning routine
Steven Pilipow, junior, had a usual order of applying make-up that regularly involved foundation, eyeshadow, eyeliner and then mascara. "I wore make-up because I could," Steven said. "I did not do it as a statement or for attention. I did it to do it."

Steven's stock

with belongings scattered across his room, Steven kept a collection of various items

- *40* bottles of nailpolish
- *39* tops
- *30* earrings
- *25* pairs of pants
- *23* necklaces
- *23* pairs of heels
- *20* rings
- *17* bracelets
- *10* scarves

source: Steven Pilipow, junior

pile of polish
Picking the next color to paint his nails, Steven Pilipow, junior, dumps his box of nailpolish on his bed. "I loved nailpolish," Steven said. "It was so pretty. There was no other reason, to wear it. It was just pretty."

Drew Adams
Thibault Aktay
Aidan Albrecht
Karim Ali
Jessica Almasy
Rama Alsakaji
James Altgilbers

Jordan Anderson
Martin Arellano
Joshua Armstrong
Catherine Arndt
Madison Athey
Anna Bachert
Mary Baeza

Alexander Baker
Ethan Baker
Maxwell Baker
Cayla Bales
Brian Banach
Brittany Barajas
Blaire Barnett

Kassandra Barraza
Brian Battista
Kaitlin Battista
Alexandra Bauer
James Beckman
Andres Bedolla
Zahra Bhoy

Natalia Bilek
George Bissias
Miguel Blakeley
Nicholas Bleza
Katelyn Bobalik
Jacob Bobeck
Casey Boelt

Kalin Bradley
Samual Bratton
Amanda Brazzle
Isiah Brooks
Jacob Brown
Joseph Bryant
Addison Bryce

Michael Buchalo
Stephanie Bulow
Patrick Burke
Brooke Butler
Cierra Campbell
Javier Campos
Paulo Campos

Arthur Carey
Joseph Carlascio
Xavier Carrizales
Calli Chafin
Saptarshi Chakraborty
Rohan Chatterjee
Chetan Chauhan

Karina Chavez
Tim Chavez
Andy Chen
Matthew Childs
Balashwethan Chockalingam
Aurianna Chopin
Emily Chorazyczewski

working on the wooden wizard tower, Brandon Johnson, sophomore, carves out his next creation. "While I was in New York City I saw tons of complex cathedrals," Brandon said. "One of the cathedrals looked like an old castle and it inspired me to create the wizard tower." **inspired by his grandfather**, Brandon admires a bird he a carved and painted. "When I looked at this carving by my grandfather, I saw the strong spirit of my grandfather," Brandon said. "It portrayed such a strong sense of power and respect that ignited my passion to do even better."

carving with care

Brandon Johnson, sophomore
an extraordinary story

One detailed carving of a wooden wizard tower took around twenty hours to shape by Brandon Johnson, sophomore. On average, Brandon spent between 20 to 40 hours on his work.

Brandon began carving in eighth grade, where he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who also worked intricately with wood for a hobby.

"Carving pretty much ran in the family," Brandon said. "My dad gave me a few of the basics and then I rolled with it from there. I pretty much liked it the first day I tried it. I just, for some reason, loved it."

From Brandon's perspective, he found wooden sculpting more rewarding compared to painting or drawing.

"I preferred carving," Brandon said. "It was much more satisfying to see something emerge out of something a person thought was junk and make it into something beautiful. When carving, I entered a frame of mind where I didn't really think about anything. It was just me and the carving, and I was always thinking five steps ahead of the cut I was making."

If Brandon made a mistake on a step, the work altered entirely.

"If I messed up, and I could not repair it, I would adapt my design. If I could not, it went into the fire place," Brandon said.

Whenever Brandon changed a design, he still felt content with the new results.

"In the end it gave me a great satisfaction because it normally would have came out better than what I originally conceived because I had to change my original concept," Brandon said.

Nia Clark
Jordan Cockrum
Jordan Cole
Jacob Collins
Jacob Comanse
Alyssa Comer
Danielle Conger

Cristian Cornejo
Christina Cortez
Ethan Courtney
Briana Crowe
Courtnee Cruz
Elijah Cuddigan
Allison Cunningham

Laurel Curran
Cassidy Cusick
Antonia Dallecarbonare
Charles Decesaris
Jamie Deja
Elena Dekker
James Delis

Elizabeth Della Rocco
Gianna Demase
Laurel Demkovich
Hannah Dempsey
Dylan Deyoung
Vijai Dharla
Damarys Diaz

Elias Diaz
Brianna Dittmer
Siddharth Divakaruni
Jordan Dixon
Stevan Djuric
Maureen Doherty
Andrew Dorn

Elise Dorn
Douglas Dowd
Joseph Drzich
Bryan Dublak
James Eaton
Seth Edens
Joshua Edwards

Chelsea Eickleberry
Austin Eiland
Grace Escalante
Rayanna Evans
Sierra Falcon
Scott Farley
Bushra Fatima

Tessa Faubion
Sarah Fehring
Julia Fields
Michelle Fies
John Filic
Jessica Flores
Victoria Foster

Gianna Fotopoulos
Ian Frankland
Nicolas Fromm
Kevin Fuhs
Erin Gallagher
Jesse Gandarilla
Isabel Garcia

Joseph Gardner
Maggie Gerber
Domeneque Geron
Andrew Getting
Prabhneet Girn
Molly Gish
Ryan Glasen

Kaitlynn Gloff
Alisha Gonsiorowski
Kathleen Gonzales
Anthony Gonzalez
Jeremy Gonzalez
Joshua Gonzalez
Andrew Grabelle

Daniel Green
Malachi Green
Richard Greep
Jessica Grimmer
Jordan Grinstead
Sofia Grubisich
Miranda Guerrero

shaken up

the shooting at Southlake

the shooting in Westfield Southlake Mall disrupts the every-day hangout of local students and tests students in scary situations

hollister hang-up
Shirt in hand, Delilah Owens, senior, folds up disheveled clothes at Hollister. Working at the mall required Delilah to know certain protocols when it came to situations such as the incident in October. "It was important to be ready for any sort of emergency so that we could escort the customers to safety as quickly as possible," Delilah siaid.

Walking up to the entrance of Macy's, Jordan Anderson, sophomore, chats with her friends, excited about the new fall arrivals at her favorite stores. However, their seemingly normal trip to Westfield Southlake Mall took a turn for the worse when they saw police cars surrounding the mall.

"We had no idea what was going on," Jordan said. "A couple came out and said that there had been a shooting. We immediately started running to the car."

The shooting at Southlake Mall startled many, according to Jordan. Since the mall acted as a common hang-out for students, the incident frightened many.

However, none were as frightened as Alex Sullavin, sophomore. As she browsed the shelves of Icing, she and a friend heard the shots fired above them. When the store's employees realized what happened, they acted fast and helped the shoppers in the store.

"We ran into the back room of the store and there was a door that lead out into a hall that was connected to every store in the mall," Alex said. "We followed that and went out a shipping door and ran across the parking lot to Olive Garden."

Having prepared employees was of key importance, according to Alex. Without them, the situation could have ended differently than expected.

hide out in hollister

as an employee at Hollister in Southalke Mall, Delilah Owens, senior, knows protocol for the situation

1. clear the store as quickly as possible
2. tell customers they can leave the store or be taken into the stock room
3. employees file into stock room when customers are safe
4. wait for instructions from law enforcement

source: Delilah Owens, senior

Seth Gutwein
Brooke Habegger
Drew Hackett
Emily Hammermeister
Dana Handler
Bradley Hargrove
Brittany Hargrove

Quinn Harris
Erin Harvath
Lily Hasler
Sean Hasse
William Hatczel
Michael Hayes
Melios Heath

Walker Hedgepath
Carl Hehemann
Nicole Heiniger
Jacob Helmer
Allison Hemingway
Rainy Herakovich
Ariana Hernandez

Jessica Hernandez
Megan Hernandez
Jacqueline Herrera
Jared Hill
Danielle Hladek
Xavier Hofferth-Pettis
John Hulsey

Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle
Pharez Israel
Michael Jackson
Rachel Jamrose
Elizabeth Jernigan
Michael Jimenez
Brandon Johnson

Joseph Johnston
Carolyn Jones
Rachel Jones
Abigail Jurado
George Jurincie
Nikolas Kajmakoski
Revati Kalluri

Rohini Kalluri
Niki Kamalipour
Sydney Kawalec
Carly Kennedy
Zachary Keslin
Brett Kessler
Ayesha Khan

Momnah Khan
Shaniyah Kimbrough
Jarrett Kivo
Barbara Klavin
Natalie Klys
Gage Knor
Sai Kodukula

Nicholas Kotz
Taylor Kotzo
Lauren Koultourides
Demetri Kounelis
Ziyad Kraft
Ryan Kritzer
Melanie Krueger

Christian Kruse
Adam Kulam
Amanda Kvasnica
Hayley Kwasniewski
Olivia Laoang
Maxwell Lawson
Jordan Lay

Jessica Layous
Krysten Leahy
Amber Ledonne
Brittany Lee
Kyle Lee
Seung Lee
Jonathan Lemke

Allison Levin
Marcus Levitan
Zachary Long
Emmanuel Lopez
Patrick Losiniecki
Dominic Lucito
Kassandra Luehrs

Colleen Lusk
Kelsey Lynch
Gustavo Magana
Shannon Mahoney
Shawn Mahoney
Mary Maloney
Nikola Mandic

Benjamin Marcus
Christina Margaris
Alexis Mason
Akia Maxwell
Audrey Mayer
Brendan McCarthy
William McDunn

the show must go on

Casey Terry, sophomore an extraordinary story

It's the parent showcase of *Gumshoe*, the middle school play, and the show is about to start. Both lead actors are sick with no understudies to take their place. Director Casey Terry, sophomore, needs to make a call about the show, and make it quick.

"Since the show must go on, me and a fellow actor, Billy McDunn, (sophomore), stepped in for the night," Casey said.

The absence of actors caused a stressful situation for cast members. Whoever stepped in needed to know the lines and actions of their character by heart.

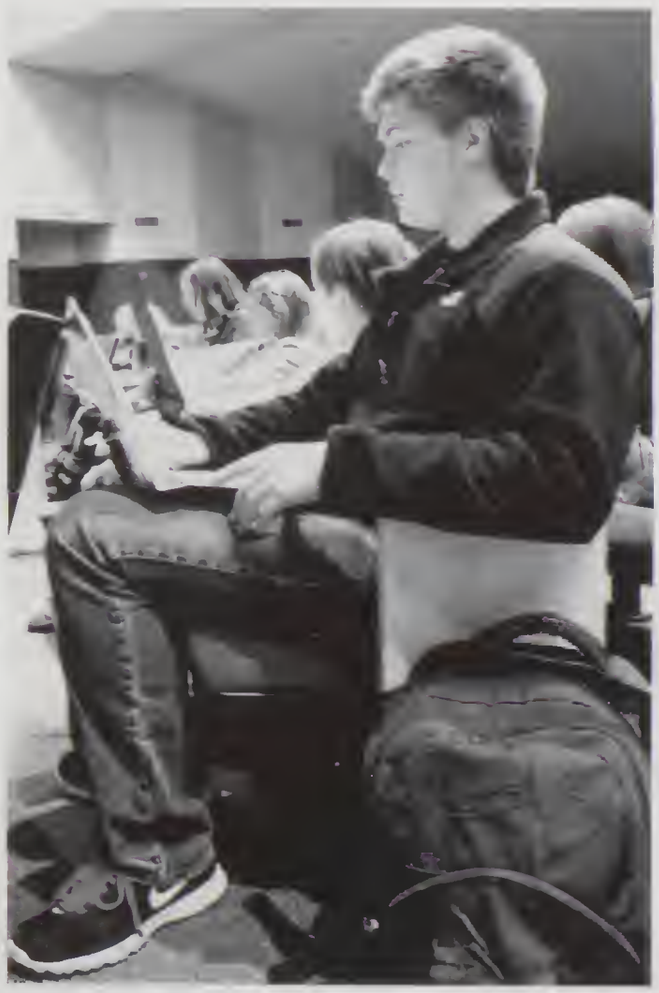
"When my actors got sick, I was really nervous about what the outcome of the show was going to be. It was really nerve-racking," Casey said.

Going on stage for the first time was hard, but to go up there for the first time with an audience was terrifying, according to Casey.

"I played the part of Wendell Kent and Billy was Johnny Daniels," Casey said. "I was really nervous because Billy had never read of scene the show, and this was also the first time we had an audience."

The play ended with applause from the parents. The hard work paid off and the play was a hit, according to Casey.

"After it was all over, I felt great because after all the scares, it turned out to be a good show," Casey said.



learning the part
Notes in hand Casey Terry, sophomore, learns the parts of all his actors in *Gumshoe*. "We were doing a read through," Casey said, "That was when the cast sat down and just read through the script. It gave you an idea of how you were going to play your character. You got to hear how the director wants it to be and you got the directors view of how he or she wants the show."

Emily McNamara
Garrett McShea
Chris McSmith
Robert Medwetz
Alexander Megremis
Jasmine Mercado
Taylor Merkel

Joseph Michalski
Miranda Mihalic
Lucas Milkovich
Bret Miller
Alexandria Milne
Nicole Mirowski
Ashraf Mohamed

Jessica Molloy-Garcia
Mark Montalbano Phelps
Amanda Mooney
Zahra Moreno
Joshua Morris
Lexis Mosqueda
Wish Muangmingsuk

Kathryn Muczynski
Kelly Mundy
James Murphy
Tegan Murphy
Ryan Myers
Lara Natonski
Randy Nava

Emily Niaves
David Nix
Erica Norwood
Madison O'Dea
Catherine Oesterle
Jacob Opat
Rosalio Ornelas

Adam Ostoich
Aron Panas
Richard Parra
Vrusha Patel
Deepali Patil
Jacob Paulsen
Joshua Peters

Zachary Pickett
Elena Piech
Dillon Pierie
Laurissa Portillo
Michael Portone
Christian Poulos
Malgorzata Pozdzal

Emma Prucha
Sean Pruzin
Peyton Puckett
Roxie Pugh
Madeline Purcell
Emily Rada
Grant Rademacher

Jason Ramirez
Shabnam Rashid
Nicholas Redman
Justin Reinsma
Emily Rhoda
Julianne Rice
Fiona Riley

while driving with her dad, Brittany Lee, sophomore, practices driving. "Driving was kind of strange for me at first," Brittany said. "After I practiced more, I began to feel more confident when I drove." **filling up the gas tank,** Ally Milne, sophomore, embraces having her license. "I liked having my license because I went out with friends a lot," Ally said. "Also, I didn't have to ask my parents for rides all the time."

hit the road

students begin learning how to drive

many students began driving their sophomore year, causing many obstacles and learning opportunities

As a sixteen-wheel semi-truck cuts off his car, Jai Dharla, sophomore, swerves into the next lane to prevent an accident during his first drive on the highway.

"I kind of just tried to forget about it," Jai said. "I just tried to learn from the experience so I would not do it again. I am always worried that there will be someone who's turning all over the place and isn't aware of what they're doing."

Along with Jai, many first time drivers tackled difficulties when they sat behind the wheel and practiced driving for the first time.

"It was just kind of weird to drive at first, but then I got the hang of it," Rachel Jones, sophomore, said. "I had a difficult time learning parallel parking. You really had to pay attention to what you were doing and make sure you didn't drive onto the curb."

Many students learned how to drive from their parents and took driving lessons at Certified Driving School. Jai thought lessons at Certified enhanced his driving experience.

"They (Certified driving lessons) were a lot of fun," Jai said. "Jerry (Certified driving instructor) made everything more interesting and easy to learn. The driving lessons gave me a lot of experience because I was able to be one-on-one with the instructors while I was on the drive."

Certified also offered online courses, which Prabhneet Girn, sophomore, thought benefited her more than actual classes.

"I felt like it (online course) was a lot better because I didn't have much time outside of school to go to classes," Prabhneet said. "It was a lot more convenient because I could do it on my own time."

Priscilla Rivera
Salvador Rivera
Michael Rivich
Marissa Rose
William Roser
Samuel Rosser
Ricardo Ruiz

Matthew Ryan
Rasha Sabbah
Jhoanna Sadural
Avi Sahi
Nathan Sakevicius
Alexius Samuels
Katelyn Sanders

Jane Sannito
Noah Schlossberger
Kevin Schlotman
Cliff Scott
Meredith Simmons
Raskirth Singh
James Slavo

Emma Slosser
Makayla Smith
Nicole Smith
Sarah Smolinski
Alexander Sotiropoulos
Emmanuel Soto
Megan Spence

Stephen Spence
Thomas Speranza
Kevynne Spork
Collin Sroge
Clayton St Martin
Hunter Standley
Tyler Steapleton

Sasha Stepanovich
Luke Still
Lena Storino
Luke Strickland
Alexandra Sullivan
Konstantine Svolos
Madison Switalla

Nicholas Synko
Danielle Szewka
Michael Szumlas
Samantha Szura
Tricia Tagamolila
Tess Talabay
Dakota Talley

Elizabeth Talley
Rachel Tarpo
Catherine Tavitas
Benjamin Taylor
Conor Taylor
Casey Terry
Alysia Thomas

Alec Thompson
Olivera Todorovic
Patrick Toth
Martina Trivunovic
Stevan Trivunovic
Marisa Trull
Joshua Unruh

Gillian Urbaniak
Marcello Urbanowicz
Cierra Uribe
Samantha Valencia
Caleb Valent
Tom Vander Wal
Anna Vardanyan

Nenad Vasiljevic
Michael Velesovsky
Angelo Velez
Natalie Vellutini
David Vogel
Samuel Wagner
Kimberly Wang

back at the academy

Michael Jimenez, sophomore
an extraordinary story

Prepped to play
Shoelaces in hand, Michael Jimenez, sophomore, ties his shoes before he heads out for soccer practice. "It was usually like a 40 to 45 minute drive to get to practice, and I had it for two hours six days a week," Michael said. "If we had an away game, we would leave on Friday night, and then play a few teams that weekend. I would say that I normally spent about 12 to 15 hours a week with the team."

After getting off the bus and arriving at home every day, Michael Jimenez, sophomore, has an hour to rest before he needs to leave for soccer practice with the Chicago Fire U-16 Academy.

Michael began playing at the Academy three years ago when he was fourteen years old. He tried out for the U-14 team, but advanced upward within a year. At age fifteen, he began playing on a team with players a few years older. Michael felt accustomed to playing a few years ahead of his age.

"The speed of the game at the Academy was way faster than when I was playing with a club," Michael said. "You just feel yourself improving faster, and it's way more fast-paced. Before I played with the Academy, I played with Eclipse (Select Soccer Club), and after we won Nationals, I tried out for the Fire's U-14 team because I wanted to be on that level. It's also obviously a huge time commitment, but playing with the Academy is also a higher level of soccer, so that would be expected."

Michael found a way to balance his school schedule and his practice schedule, despite having practice six days a week and travel long distances with the team for away games. After 3 years with the Academy, he was accustomed to balancing his time, according to Michael.

"I'd have to practice every day except Fridays," Michael said. "Obviously, it was a huge sacrifice. We had practice every day from 5 to 7, so I wouldn't have that much time to do other stuff that a lot of other kids would do. For me, it was worth it because I've been playing soccer for almost all of my life. I would give up hanging out with my friends if it meant I could be out there on the field."

Erica Warner
Kylie Warner
Seth Weston
Kellyn Whaley
Marlee Whaley
Emily Whitaker
Timothy Wiess

Megan Wilkens
Matt Williams
Taylor Winiecki
Alexander Wisniewski
Hannah Witting
Justin Woodward
Adam Wories

Kayetan Wozniak
Jacob Wright
Brenda Yepez
Jonathan Zimmerman
Matyas Zsigmond
Jenna Zubik
Garrett Zuck

stitch by stitch

Emily Flynn, freshman
an extraordinary story

Just before she finishes, Emily Flynn, freshman, takes a step back to admire her new clothes. When the other girls spent all day shopping, Emily sewed together her own wardrobe.

Emily learned how to sew from watching her grandmother sew clothes and blankets as a child.

"I kind of grew up with my mom and grandma sewing things all the time, and when I was seven or eight, I learned how to make basic stitches."

Now, Emily uses her skill and creativity to express herself and define her own style.

"It would start from an idea, and I'd usually just sketch that down on paper," Emily said. "Then, during class, I'd go on the JoAnn Fabrics website and calculate how much fabric I would need and the price. Sometimes, I would walk into the fabric store with one idea, and then I'd get inspired by all the other fabrics and leave with a completely different plan in my head."

After Emily got her fabric, she would typically construct her garment before sewing it all together.

"I would get my inspiration from something that I would see in the media," Emily said. "If I saw something in a store and I thought it was too expensive, I would just think, 'I could sew that myself for so much cheaper!'"

It surprised many people to know that Emily sewed so much of her wardrobe, according to the freshman.

"It was kind of awesome to be able to say, 'Yeah, I made this,'" Emily said. "My mom would always say this, but sewing really is a lost art."

on display
Glancing over a dress she has sewn, Emily Flynn, freshman, shows off one of her own creations. "I think a lot of people thought it was interesting that I sewed my own clothes, especially because I'm so young," Emily said.

Jillian Ackermann
Arianna Adams
Lauren Adams
Diego Alanis
Ricardo Alvarado
Alyssa Amaloo
Austin Andello

Abby Andersen
Victor Andrade
Brian Araya
John Archer
Logan Armagast
Clay Arnold
William Ault

Hannah Bailey
Caitlyn Baker
Aleksandar Balac
Miles Barilla
Alexia Barraza
Frederick Beckman
Marissa Bell

Samantha Berg
Lindsey Bermingham
Melissa Bermudez
Zachary Bieniak
Anna Bilse
Austin Bishop
Rachel Bishop

Dorde Blagojevic
Justin Blair
Paige Bohling
Heather Born
Taylor Brant
Joshua Briette
Trevor Brooks

sew-cabulary

some of the different types of stitches can get confusing, but Emily explains the difference between the different styles

topstitch
most often on garment edges such as necklines and hems, where it helps facings to stay in place and gives a crisp edge

zigzag stitch
a back-and-forth stitch used where a straight stitch will not suffice, such as in reinforcing buttonholes, in stitching stretchable fabrics and in temporarily joining two work pieces edge-to-edge

cross stitch
form of counted-thread embroidery in which X-shaped stitches in a tiled, raster-like pattern are used to form a picture

back stitch
embroidery and sewing stitches in which individual stitches are made backward to the general direction of sewing, form lines and are most often used to outline shapes or to add fine detail to an embroidered picture

running stitch
the basic stitch in hand-sewing and embroidery, on which all other forms of sewing are based

source: Emily Flynn, freshman

Michael Brozovic
Zachary Brum
Connor Bubash
Brandon Burgess
Theodore Burgwald
Ginger Burks
Brett Butler

Samantha Buvala
Mariah Cabrales
Alexia Calderon
Emmanuel Campos
Daniel Cappo
Therese Capriglione
Bridget Caraher

Alyssa Carpenter
Zola Carter
Veronica Casillas
Mia Castro
Julia Chael
Julian Chapa
Christopher Charles

Hayley Chipules
Shannon Chopin
Jordan Cistola
Brodrick Claesgens
Chester Clark
Haley Collison
Kelsey Conroyd

Patricia Cornejo
Charlene Cortez
Kaitlyn Costello
Luke Covello
Joshua Cowan
Kaila Crague
Arielle Crowe

Dustin Crull
Naeemah Culpepper
Michael Cuvala
Vincent D`Angelo
Mega Dafiaghor
Kristen Davidson
Tyler Dawson

Dominick Delia
Michale Delong
Trey Deluna
Jacob Demeter
Arlo Detmer
Shivani Dighamber
Allison Dinh

Robert Dixon
Carlos Douglas
Dearjnae Douglas
Jacob Dragicevich
Jaclyn Dye
Cristian Eloisa
Tyler Etter

Camryn Fary
Tyler Fennema
Caitlin Fitch
Lauren Florek
Emily Flynn
Lauren Flynn
Amanda Forde

Jay Foreit
Chufan Gao
Daniel Garcia
Collette Gates
Nicholas Gauthier
Eleni Georgalas
Dominic Giannini

fandom phrases

fans often use a variety of phrases online that may be difficult for others to decipher

"I can't even"
so in awe of something that you can't believe it
synonyms: *"asdfghjkl"* or *"I just"*

"You think this is a joke?"
are you serious?

"Throwing myself out a window"
I can't handle this

shipping
supporting two people being in a relationship

peasant
a new fan

source: Vivian Reba, freshman

internet connection
Scrolling through Twitter, Vivian Reba, freshman, checks for fandom-related updates. Twitter served as a way for fans to interact with one another, according to Vivian. "It was really cool to be talking to people around the world about something we all shared in common," Vivian said.

Caitlyn Gilbert
Brandon Gill
Chase Ginaven
Kaitlynne Gleason
Anthony Gonzalez
Dylan Goodman
Kory Gouwens

Kayley Gruber
Emily Grunewald
Esbeida Guzman
Luke Hackett
Allison Hajduch
James Han
Matthew Hasiak

Trevon Hawkins
Rosendo Heath
Zachary Held
Luke Heritage
Isabel Hernandez
Jessica Hernandez
Jessica Herrera

Christina Hough
Jenson Huang
Alexander Huard
Bri'Ana Hudson
Jerry Jacinto
Morgyn Jackson
Camille Jancosek

Julia Janik
Mladjan Jankovic
Sydney Jasinski
Kyle Jen
Harsh Jhaveri
Emily Johnson
Shandan Johnson

not your average fan

students interact in fandoms on the internet

fans take to the internet to express their passion for bands, books, movies and shows and to interact with others who share a common interest

It is three in the morning. Vivian Reba, freshman, is sitting in her bed with only the glow of her laptop screen illuminating her face. She is simultaneously scrolling Twitter and listening to a BBC Radio 1 livestream, waiting in anticipation for One Direction's new single, "Little Things," to premiere.

"It was premiering on BBC Radio 1, which is a British station," Vivian said. "It was supposed to air at something like seven or eight UK time, so it was two or three our time. I stayed up all night to listen to it because they called the boys and were talking to them before they played the song. I was on Twitter and everyone (in the fandom) was live-tweeting it while we listened."

A fandom, a combination of the words "fan" and "kingdom," was an online-based community of people who shared an intense interest in a band, book, movie or show, according to Vivian. Common websites for fandom interaction were Twitter, Tumblr and Instagram.

"I really liked using Twitter to interact with other people," Vivian said. "There were so many accounts, and they were all hilarious. You got to be good friends with the people running them."

As a result of its online nature, fandoms could consist of people from all over the world. This allowed fans to form friendships with others they normally would not get the chance to otherwise.

"Being in a fandom was great because you met a lot of new people through it," Vivian said. "You could become friends with so many people through one common interest. I knew people from all over America, plus England, Ireland, France and Brazil."

Within these online communities was a sort of culture, according to Vivian. Fans often developed their own language, humor and even literature.

"There were definitely certain terms that fans used that other people wouldn't understand," Vivian said. "Fans were funny and extremely sarcastic, which made it even better. There were a lot of inside jokes."

Fans also wrote fanfiction, which were fan-written stories based on real people or characters in made-up situations, according to Vivian.

"Fanfics were pretty interesting," Vivian said. "They could range from really good and well-written to absolutely horrid."

Natasha Jones
Hannah Juarez
Nathaniel Kaczka
Zachary Kall
Meena Kandallu
Abigail Kapitan
Sydney Kaplan

John Karamichos
Yiorgo Karnezis
Kelsie Kasper
Brett Kaufmann
Joseph Kennedy
Tyler Keslin
Alexandru Kirr

Austin Klawitter
Shanna Klisser
John Knight
Caitlyn Knor
Clara Kopacz
Michael Kotfer
Timothy Krajci

Maria Kyriakos
Morgan Lagestee
Julian Lagunas
Christopher Lappo
Ryan Larimer
Jae Lee
Calvin Leick

Claire LeMonnier
George Lesniewski
Melody Levan
Jacob Levy
Claudia Lopez
Michaella Lorenz
Adrienne Lucas

faith and family

Claire LeMonnier, freshman, and Flynn LeMonnier, junior
an extraordinary story

On October 10, 2012, Westminster Church lost a youth director. Youth groups lost a volleyball organizer. Siblings, Claire LeMonnier, freshman, and Flynn LeMonnier, junior, lost their father, Dan LeMonnier, to lung cancer.

Claire found out her father's condition became more serious when she received a phone call from her family members at theater rehearsal.

"I didn't know what to expect," Claire said. "I got a call from my mom and she said, 'Your dad's not doing well.' He was having trouble breathing because he was sedated. He had tubes down his throat, and he couldn't talk. He couldn't see. I never thought he was going to die."

The family arrived at the University of Chicago hospital on Sunday and made the decision to pull their father off of life support Tuesday night. It happened the next morning at 6:15.

"We knew he was suffering," Flynn said. "One number on his machine was blood oxygen rate. We live at about 100 for blood oxygen, our dad was in the low sixties and at one point he got to 92. You can try to hold your breath, hoping that blood oxygen will go down. I tried it, but 95 was the lowest, and it felt like I was suffocating."

Dan LeMonnier's wake took place on the following Friday.

"By the time the wake settled in, I felt all numb," Flynn said. "I got kind of upset, but it was nothing like that first day. It all happened, and it was sad, but I was not going to go cry about it anymore."

Family members, co-workers, church members, students and old friends waited in line for 45 minutes to pay their respect for Dan, according to Flynn.

"People loved my dad. He was that great of a person," Claire said.

Students like Katie Flowers, senior, felt a close connection with Dan.

"I didn't have a father, so he took the place of a father figure in my life," Katie said. "If I ever needed help with anything, he was always there for me. If ever I had a question about God, he was the one I would go to."

Flynn felt that his father had a positive influence on the students who knew him.

"He really unified people," Flynn said. "Groups became a lot closer. He really set a good example. He was a good husband, father, and overall role model."

special siblings
Drinking coffee, siblings Claire LeMonnier, freshman, and Flynn LeMonnier, junior, bond at Dunkin' Donuts. "My brother and I were always really close, even though we acted like we hated each other," Claire said. "I felt like ever since my dad was diagnosed with cancer, we got a lot closer. I knew if I was ever sad, I could always go talk to him."

Nicholas Lundin
Alexandria Lyons
Jacob Lyza
Emilio Malagon
Vishva Maniar
Connor Manous
Patrick Marsh

Reymond Martin
Jocelyn Martinez
Miriam Mathew
Melissa McCann
Jackson McDowell
Jamie McDowell
Amy McDunn

Brigid McGinity
Kylee McVicker
Dara Medina
Delaney Mendez
Nureya Miller
Zoe Mintz
Megan Mirowski

Alex Mis
Aditya Mishra
Daniel Mitchell
Logan Mohrs
Mark Montella
Andrew Monthie
Maya Montoya

Madelynn Moore
Esteban Morado
Mahogany Morgan-Lyles
Joshua Munoz
Jeremy Murphy
Laila Nawab
Jonathan Neeley

man of honor

students weigh in on how they believed Dan, their church youth director, influenced their life

"He was a big part of my childhood. He was there during my milestones, like when my parents got divorced. He was kind of like my second dad."

Isy Zuniga, freshman

"He was always really there for you. It did not matter what situation you were in, he always tried to help out. No matter what he was doing he would drop it and do whatever he could to help you."

Joseph Johnston, sophomore

brotherly bond

Zack Simic, freshman an extraordinary story

The 100 Freestyle at the JV meet against Lake Central is about to begin. Brothers Zack Simic, freshman, and Nick Simic, senior, take their place behind their lanes. The whistle blows and the brothers take their mark.

"On the blocks I was really nervous, and I wanted to beat him so bad," Zack said.

A few days before the race, they found out that they would be racing each other.

"When we found out that we were racing each other, we knew it would be a good race," Zack said.

No one knew who would win the race, but it would still be a good race to watch as both brothers race for first, according to Zack.

"It was funny because one of our coaches thought I would win, and the other thought Nick would win," Zack said.

The race went well, according to Zack. The results were displayed on the screen with Zack in first and Nick in second. After seeing the results they both hugged and goofed off after the meet.

"Me and my brother were really tight," Zack said. "He was the best brother anyone could ask for, and I loved him more than anyone," Zack said.

Eudora Negri
Lucas Newell
Brooke Newton
Steven Nowaczyk
Celeste Nunn
Cameron O`Brien
Sean O`Brien

Jacob Ochoa
Nicholas Ochoa
Hayoung Oh
Joseph Olivieri
Alexa Olsen
Jack Opilka
Leoncio Ortiz

Amanda Osterhus
David Palacios
Kyle Palermo
David Parobek
Thomas Parrillo
Aarju Patel
Avi Patel

Palak Patel
Serena Patel
David Paunicka
Jessica Pazik
Carly Peilet
Mackenzie Peirick
Abigail Pennanen

Luke Persic
Eric Picard
Luke Pillarella
Simon Pirok
Samuel Plate
Mackenzie Portone
Ashley Potoski

arms wrapped around each other, Zack and Nick enjoy senior night. "It was setting in that it was his last year," Zack said. "He was going to college, and I wouldn't get to see him. I was going to miss him a lot." **on the floor,** Nick Simic tries to bench his little brother. "During diving we goofed around, and I laid on Nick to see if he could bench me," Nick said. "It was really fun."

Kailey Potts
Jacob Powers
Antonio Presutti
Jeffrey Proctor
Mary Pugh
Jaycob Ramirez
Aiszah Rangel

Vivian Reba
David Reding
Alexander Reich
Anaria Riggio
Anna Riggs
Carleen Rivera
Jocelyn Rivera

Jovanny Rodriguez
Aaron Rosas
Luke Rosser
Lauren Russell
Samantha Sabo
Jordan Saez
Christina Sanchez

Ruhani Sansoya
Jeremy Sarnowski
Steven Savoy
Gregory Scherzinger
Rachel Schoffman
Dominique Schupp
Raleigh Sell

Rebecca Sendejas
Karissa Senisais
Camden Seput
Luke Shacklett
Sara Shah
Collin Sharpe
Savannah Shaver

Ruben Shehigian
Tatiana Shinkan
Tannes Shmagranoff
Michael Shubbak
Bilal Siddiqui
Bradley Sikora
Zachary Simic

Cameron Singleton
Maria Sirounis
Anthony Skiba
Angelica Small
Noel Smalley-Blitzstein
Darbi Smith
Elaina Smith

Christopher Snyder
Daniel Soeka
Daniel Spencer
Sean Spinosa
Polina Stamenkovich
Jovan Stanisavljevic
Jeffery Stoll

Floyd Stoner
Charles Stringer
Khalehla Strong
Qionte Sullivan
Claire Svoboda
Lorrein Sweis
Julia Swibes

Ally Szakacs
Michael Szewka
Peyton Tinder
Almira Torres
Julia Torres
Emma Trivunovic
George Tsirtsis

a step a head

Jackie Dye, freshman an extraordinary story

In the middle of the football field, Jackie Dye, freshman, takes her position along with the rest of the Varsity Dance team. The music starts and she keeps in rythm with her teammates, most of whom are years older than her.

"It was a good deal of pressure being a freshman dancing with more experienced dancers on Varsity," Jackie said. "There was a lot to live up to. Also, since I was a freshman on Varsity, I had to work even harder and not slack off."

Making Varsity was hard to do, especially as a freshman when there were so many other girls who had more experience, according to Jackie.

"When I made it, I was so thrilled to be on the team with so many amazing girls and I was looking forward to an amazing season," Jackie said.

Many friendships and memories were made and more were to come throughout the season for the Dance team, according to Jackie.

"I was so fortunate that I developed so many valuable friendships with these girls," Jackie said.

half time
Out on the field, Jackie Dye, freshman, and the Dance team preform one of their routines during half time. "I definitely liked dancing at football games more than basketball games because being outside on the field feels way better than inside a hot gym," Jackie said.

Christopher Tucker
Antoine Van Dyke
Megan Vandergriff
Nikko Vasquez
Anisha Vavilala
Naiomi Velasco
Melody Velez

Abigail Wagner
Sean Wagner
Ian Wallace
Tiffany Wang
Jack Warren
Juliann Watson
Amanda Watts

Kelli Webb
Gina Webber
Aaron Welch
Michelle Weller
Lauren Wenzel
Camryn Whaley
Danielle White

Kaitlyn Wiening
Emily Wierman
Brandon Williams
Darrell Williams
Danae Wilson
Sara Wilson
Brandon Winter

Anna Witt
Daniel Wleklinski
Christopher Wolak
Kevin Woodward
Jillian Ylo
Austin Yusko
Megan Zabrecky

Chloe Zatorski
Cecilia Zavala
Nicholas Zawadzki
Lydia Zheng
Anthony Zmuda
Connor Zunica
Isabel Zuniga

it's what we do

with all the nerves that build up, the dance team has traditions to help them

"Before we went on at every competition, to pump us up we all had pixie stick races and sang songs from Pitch Perfect and Shaggy."

Jackie Dye, freshman

strike a pose
In position, the Dance team gets ready to start their lyrical routine. "This dance was my favorite," Jackie said. "It was so fun and upbeat and anyone who had seen it preferred this one over all of our other dances. The song and dance just made you happy."

Mr. Brent Barton
Mr. Larry Brechner
Mrs. Donna Buck
Ms. Lindsey Chamberlain
Mr. Brian Clark

Ms. Kathleen Clemens
Mr. Kevin Clyne
Mr. Michael Coil
Ms. Bonnie Corrigan
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty

Mr. David Dausch
Mrs. Brynn Denton
Mr. John Doherty
Mr. Peter Fatouros
Mr. Carl Fields

Mr. Donald Fortner
Mr. David Franklin
Ms. Brandyn Fredericks
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs
Mrs. Jackie Gasca

Mrs. Beth Gibbs
Dr. Phyllis Gilworth
Mr. Michael Gordon
Mr. James Grunewald
Mr. Michael Hackett

Ms. Kelly Haussman
Mr. Larry Hautzinger
Mr. Joshua Herold
Mrs. Amanda Holloway
Ms. Lisa Homer

Mr. Bojan Jovanovic
Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski
Mr. Kris Keilman
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman
Mrs. Kathleen Laporte

hoops for a cause

faculty competes against seniors

faculty and seniors raise money for Riley's Children Hospital in the annual Hoops for Hope basketball game

Sneakers squeak on the court as the faculty team tries to keep the ball away from the senior team. Even with the faculty towering over them, the seniors still prevail. Faculty and seniors faced off in the annual Hoops for Hope basketball game that raised money for the Riley Children's Hospital.

"My biggest reason to participate in Hoops for Hope was that the money raised went to help kids," Mr. Robert Snyder, Dean of Students, said. "It was also a way to support Student Government and its sponsors. It was fun to play basketball and to interact with the students and faculty."

Many students looked forward to the game, according to Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, history teacher. It was a chance to compete against the teachers and faculty.

"I was absolutely excited for the game," Mr. David Dausch, history teacher, said. "I hadn't played since high school."

Although there was no practice for the game, some players still practiced on their own time in order to be prepared for the game.

"Mr. Snyder and I just shot a few hoops the day before, but there was no practice or preparing," Mr. Nolan, Assistant Dean of Students, said.

Despite having some injuries previous to the game, Mr. Snyder managed to enjoy playing.

"I've had two knee surgeries since working for Munster, so it was just fun to run up and down with our students and staff," Mr. Snyder said.

The faculty had won for the past two years, but the seniors stepped up and changed the game.

"I expected to win since we won for the past two years," Mr. Nolan said. "I didn't think the seniors would win, but they played well and were prepared."

Hoops for Hope helped the faculty let loose and have fun with the students in a fun competitive way.

"It was one of those nights where everyone leaves a winner," Mr. Snyder said. "It was touching to be part of that."

make the shot
Ball in hand Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, history teacher, attempts to make a basket. "I kept thinking, 'Don't get hurt,'" Mr. Jovanovic said.

Mrs. Linda Lemon
Mrs. Elena Lopez
Mr. Jean Magrou
Mrs. Rosemary Malagon
Ms. Paula Malinski

Mr. Leroy Marsh
Ms. Twila Marsh
Ms. Margaret Matanic
Ms. Sarah Matthies
Ms. Catherine Mazeikas

Mr. James McNabney
Mrs. Sasa Milosevic
Ms. Stephanie Newman
Mrs. Lori Nicholas
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan

Mr. Morgan Nolan
Mrs. Heather Paprstein
Mr. Matt Pavlovich
Mrs. Kim Peirick
Mrs. Patricia Premetz

cans for a cause

Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher an extraordinary story

motivated to give back to the community, Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, increased donations to the food drives through his Helping Behavior project

Stacked up
During study hall, Andrew Alvarez, senior, sits amongst the piles of donations in Mr. Kalwasinski, social studies teacher's, room.

Flowing over the cabinet shelves and onto the floor, mountains of filled bags consume an entire corner of Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher's, room. It's a rare sight to see his normally tidy room disordered, but the clutter comes with a purpose: raise contributions to the food drive and Mustang Toy Roundup. As a component of AP Psychology's Helping Behavior project, Mr. Kalwasinski requested that students to bring donations for each cause, then reflect on the meaning of giving.

"I started this project way back about eight or nine years ago," Mr. Kalwasinski said. "When the food drive came around I thought, 'How could I help bring in more food and use the curriculum? Here's a chance I could help.'"

The AP Psychology students brought about 1310 cans for the Thanksgiving food drive and 149 toys for the Mustang Toy Roundup, with some students exceeding the required number of contributions. Though Mr. Kalwasinski believed the school did a good job of promoting drives that gave back to the community, he reminded students the importance of continuing to donate throughout the entire year.

"Give back to the community. Take care and help the less fortunate," Mr. Kalwasinski said. "What I like to say is that people are still hungry in June. There are tons of food drives during the Thanksgiving season, but where are they in May or June?"

For an involved student body, it was important to keep students informed of ways to help out and to find an organization to be passionate about, according to Mr. Kalwasinski.

"We tried to instill in kids to donate to the Salvation Army buckets," Mr. Kalwasinski said. "Donate what you can, even if it's just change."

Ms. Mariel Quinonez
Mrs. Jennifer Radde
Ms. Marilyn Rizzo
Mrs. Jessica Sanchez
Mrs. Judy Sayre

Ms. Melanie Scheeringa
Mr. Robert Shinkan
Mr. Richard Sluder
Mr. Robert Snyder
Mr. Joseph Sokol

Ms. Rebecca Springer
Mrs. Christine Stanish
Mrs. Athena Svolos
Ms. Kristen Szafasz
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo

Mrs. Beth Thornburg
Mr. Chris Tomcsi
Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas
Ms. Sharon Vail
Mrs. Sarah Vicari

Mr. Dusan Vidovic
Ms. Angela Wayne
Mr. Michael Wells
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland
Ms. Jacqueline Wieser

Ms. Jennifer Wisser
Mrs. Janet Wories

record books

Stepping down from the ladder, members of the Boys' Basketball team hold the Sectional title and a small piece of the basketball net from the winning game.

Winning the Sectional championship is an event many will remember, but the little things in between these defining moments, like cutting off a piece of the net, are the memories truly most special.

We will remember the little things like getting a STANDY gram from a secret admirer in study hall, molding a Play-Doh man to perform surgery in Anatomy or smelling the enticing aroma of Chinese food in the hallway from Foods.

We will remember dropping sixth tenths of a second in 100 Freestyle and finally getting under a minute, getting that coveted summer job or finally reaching 300 followers on Twitter.

It's the make-or-break moments that define high school for us. Between classes and clubs, between rehearsals and competitions, the most memorable moments happen in the

little details

tally up | Blue dry-erase marker in hand, Sarah Matthew, senior, participates in an activity involving pennies during Probability and Statistics. "We had to count how many pennies were dated in certain years," Sarah said. "The activity was interesting, but pretty tiresome because there were a lot of pennies and tallies to count. The tallies gave me a good perspective of the difference between the class' results and my personal results."

for the record

academic team

(front row) Scott Farley, Garrett Zuck, Parin Patel, Sidarth Singh, Rathnam Venkat, Vijay Narayan *(second row)* Joe Yurek, Steven Nowaczyk, Justin Lee, Kyle Lee, David Oh, Jenson Huang, Matthew Szala *(third row)* AJ Gauthier, Saam Mojtahed, Daniel Riggs, Eashan Kumar, Jonathan Pasyk, Shivram Chandramouli, Nick Loughlin (fourth row) Kishan Patel, Russell Doctor, Collin Richter, Will Benman, Luis Dominguez, Thomas Vanko, Michael Wadas *(back row)* Walker Hedgepath, Peter Kraft, Akhilesh Mishra, Harsh Jhaveri, William Greenlaw, Michael Peters, Devin Zuck, James Dixon

academic team

(front row) Brian Araya, Julia Chael, Kelsey Lynch, Kimberly Wang, Deepali Patil, Allison Dinh, Shriya Das *(second row)* Hayley Kwasniewski, Morgan Kaptur, Allison Mudro, Emily Bochnowski, Erin Harvath, Ishani Sharma, Paulina Kawalec, Christopher Lappo *(third row)* Holly Markovich, Michelle Pietruszka, Neeta Patwari, Sarah Mathew, Elizabeth Prado, Akash Shah, Taylor Merkel, Jessica Avina, *(fourth row)* Chetan Chauhan, Akhilesh Mishra, Arthur Carey, Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle, Michelle Weller, Siddharth Divakaruni, Charles DeCesaris, Cayla Bales *(back row)* Miesha Severinov, Patrick Marsh, Alex Kirr, Omnya Zaman, Sean Pruzin, Sripad Kodukula, Dan Green, Bala Chochalingam, Andy Chen

american sign language

president: Ben Gonzalez, senior

vice president: Johnny Nauracy, senior

(front row) Jackie Ashley, Lindsay Rozynek, Christopher Anguiano, Casey Boelt, Allison Levin, Kelsey Lynch *(second row)* Johnny Nauracy, Nick Milkovich, Mady Moyer, Travis Frank, Kaitlyn Taylor, Alisha Maiolo, Casey Griffin *(third row)* Jordan Grinstead, Emily Rhoda, Natalia Kotz, Amanda Milojkovitch, Wendy Stocky, Annilee Taylor, Ben Gonzalez *(fourth row)* Amanda Simchak, Andrew Grabelle, Blessing Ibikunk-Salami, Maui Evans, Analiese Corey, Jordan Anderson, Jamie Deja *(back row)* Michael Han, Colin Szafranski, Jill Rademacher, Meredith Simmons, Kelly Mundy, Valerie Niemiec, Megan Stone, Amy McCullough

american sign language

(front row) Klarissa Hernandez, Kassandra Barraza, Belinda Oberman, Miranda Guerrero, Tatiana Cruz *(second row)* Madeline Kasper, Kaley Regan, Chloe Salisbury, Deanna McPartlan, Katie Bobalik, Danielle Szewka *(back row)* Kristina Stepanovic, Mackenzie Kasper, Sarah Mathew, Sarah Fehring, Elena Dekker, Emma Slosser

art club

(front row) Claire LeMonnier, Allison Dinh, Aiszah Rangel, Savannah Shaver, Ruhani Sansoya, Zoe Munoz, Michale DeLong *(second row)* Megan Stone, Erin Chant, Amanda Milojkovitch, Brenda Flores, Manar Odtallah, Alexis Monthie, Chloe Salisbury, Christina Sanchez *(third row)* Sarah Mathew, Kim Szymkowski, Rama Alsakaji, Dayna Van Woert, Elizabeth Prado, Shivani Dighamber, Lauren Florek, *(fourth row)* Dara Medina, Amy McDunn, Carlos Douglas, Antonio Delgado, Ashley Wenzel, Courtney Weinberg, Jordan Anderson *(back row)* Amanda Kvasnica, Conor Taylor, Victoria Foster, Joshua Peters, Kalin Bradley, Isabel Zuniga, Caitlin Fitch

auditorium staff

(first row) Claire LeMonnier, Daniel Cappo, Amy McDunn, Seung Lee, Dana Owens, Jamie McDowell, Camille Jancosek *(second row)* Barbara Klavin, Chelsea Eickleberry, Martina Trivunovic, Jake Bobeck, Rachel Jamrose, Carly Levin, Shanna Klisser *(back row)* Kevin Yurasovich, Ben Mecyssine, George Jurincie, Nick Kiesling, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer, Matthew Cappo

best buddies

president: Tania Cordova, senior
vice president: Annie Burke, senior
activities: friendship walk, holiday parties, match party

(first row) Justin Rios, Andrea Paunicka, Julia Eskander, Uttam Chander, Katie Wiening, Maggie Gerber *(second row)* Celeste Nunn, Abigail Wagner, Catherine Sobilo, Jennifer Tassaro, Nick Redman, Madyson Moyer, Emily Anderson *(third row)* Laurissa Portillo, Christina Margaris, Amanda Milojkovitch, Priya Shah, Anna Stooksbury, Jessica Wargo, Parin Patel *(fourth row)* Katie Gajewski, Antonio Delgado, Conor Taylor, Amanda Kvasnica, Emily McNamara, Jackie Dye, Shelinda Jones *(back row)* Priya Pierie, Erin Chant, Sarah Mathew, Courtney Weinberg, Carson Ollo, Aaron Handler, Jonathan Pasyk, Max Lundin

backstage terms

auditorium staff members use a variety of terms while working behind the scenes

catwalk /'kat•wôk/ row of lights in the ceiling above the stage; place where staff members can adjust where lights are pointed on stage

booth /booTH/ short for control booth; the brain of the entire theater; made up of three stations, including one for sound, lighting and LAB (Dr. Larry A. Brechner, auditorium director)

prop loft /präp•lôft/ room guarded by a gate and full of items used to decorate the set; a maze full of random objects from suit cases to shoes, and fake food to foliage

source: Hannah Fischer, junior

for the record

best buddies

(front row) Allison Levin, Taylor Bandura, Tania Cordova, George Bissias, Sarah Matthies, Sam Bratton, Haley Reda, Zaria Suggs, Jacob Dragicevich *(second row)* Dana Handler, Elena Piech, Sara Wilson, Vanessa Newell, Anne Burke, Zoe Munoz, Tatiana Cruz, Colleen Lusk, Jess Pruim *(third row)* Tatiana Lopez, Zahra Moreno, Kayley Gruber, Belinda Oberman, Kendra Brown, David Parobek, Daniel Mitchell, Jay Ramirez *(fourth row)* Kelsie Kasper, Priscilla Rivera, Mary Maloney, Carly Peilet, Mariah Saucedo, Kim Pruim, Melody Velez, Allison Wisniewski, *(back row)* Robbie Dixon, Eashan Kumar, Kendall Goldberg, Cassidy Schwartz, Maya Portillo, Maureen Doherty, Maria Kyriakos, Amanda Forde, Erin Dolan.

book club

(front row) Roxie Pugh, Nayelly Garcia *(back row)* Max Baker, Mega Dafiaghor, Julie Chael

cec, freshman

activities: designed homecoming t-shirts

(front row) Melody Velez, Meena Kandallu *(back row)* Patrick Marsh, Anisha Vavilala, Julie Chael

cec, junior

activities: planned prom

(front row) Tiffany Troumouliaris, Allison Wisniewski, Kailee Loughlin, Nathalie Kauz, Ari Chioros, Maritza Garcia *(back row)* Steven Rakich, Daniel Straka, Danica Obradovic, Gabrielle Dore, Catherine Lebryk, Priya Shah

cec, senior

activities: built homecoming float, designed homecoming t-shirts

(front row) Maggie Szakacs, Maya Portillo, Nick Milkovich *(back row)* Shivram Chandramouli, Liana Varjabedian, Daniel Cubillos

cec, sophomore

activities: built homecoming float, designed homecoming t-shirts

(front row) Roxie Pugh, Ayesha Khan, Kathleen Gonzales, Gillian Urbaniak, Miranda Guerrero *(back row)* Casey Terry, Victoria Foster, Gianna Fotopoulos, Allison Hemingway, Nicole Smith, Siddharth Divakaruni

chess club

(front row) David Vogel, Akash Shah, Aarju Patel

t-shirt tally up

freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior CEC each picked and designed a different destination as way of representing their grade for the Homecoming class t-shirts

$18 the cost per shirt

96 freshman Tokyo shirts sold

150 sophomore London shirts shirts

117 junior New York shirts sold

124 senior world shirts sold

sophomore dancers Calli Chafin, sophomore, Jackie Dye, freshman, Jessica Ivetich, senior, and juniors Caitlyn Baker and Gina Catania, showcase their class t-shirts at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

for the record

civics club

(front row) Joe Pillarella, Luke Pillarella, Max Lundin, Laurel Curran, Roxie Pugh, Elizabeth Prado *(back row)* Walker Hedgepath, Demetri Delis, Joe Yurek, Brian Banach, Saam Mojtahed, Brandon Armagast, Jung Kim

color guard

(front row) Nikki Mammano, Hannah Juarez, Shaniyah Kimbrough, Julia Adams, Camille Jancosek *(back row)* Martina Trivunovic, Kristen Davidson, Maria Karamichos, Kelsey Lynch, Megan Spence

crier

editor-in-chief: Annie Skertic, senior

managing editor: Cassie Eberle, junior

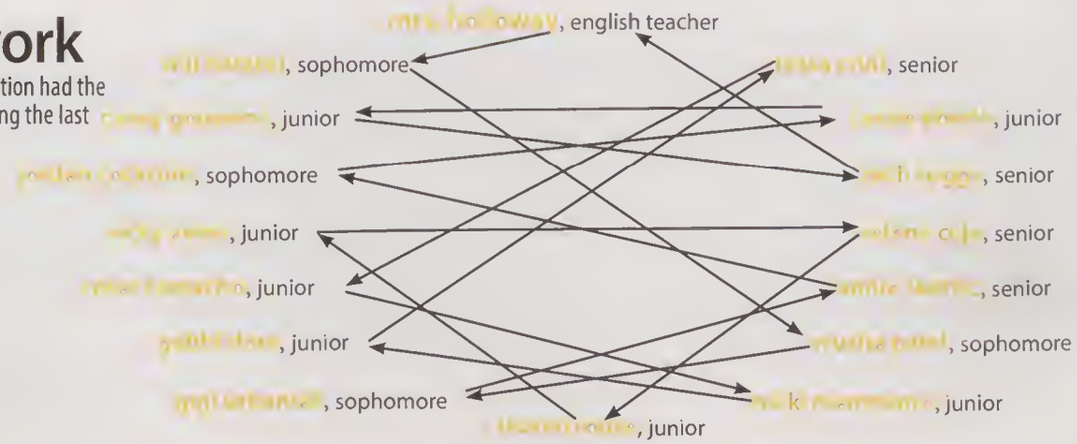
awards: 7th place best in show at nationals, Hoosier Star, cspa crown finalist

(front row) Selena Ceja, Gillian Urbaniak, Casey Gouwens, Vrusha Patel, Nikki Mammano *(second row)* Annie Skertic, Lauren Rouse, Jordan Cockrum, William Hatczel, Victoria Avina *(third row)* Gabrielle Dore, Tessa Crull, Zachary Suggs, Cesar Camacho, Liz Lanman, Amanda Holloway

the (holiday) social network

Crier's upheld Secret Santa tradition had the entire staff tied up in knots during the last week before winter break

source: Crier staff



deca

president: AJ Gauthier, senior

vice president: Eashan Kumar, junior and Tania Cordova, senior

(front row) Amanda Kvasnica, Vijai Dharla, Alex Sotiropoulos, Konstantine Svolos, Scott Farley, Sean Pruzin *(second row)* William Benman, Hallie Peilet, Jonathan Jercha, Kevin Beezhold, Ronak Tilva, William Greenlaw, Conor Taylor *(third row)* Michael Peters, Alex Wisniewski, Harsh Jhaveri, Akhilesh Mishra, Joe Yurek, Colin Richter, Luis Dominguez *(fourth row)* Joseph Kmak, Matthew Mavity, Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Shivram Chandramouli, Kelan Harish *(back row)* Ben Gonzales, Nick Brant, Zachary Suggs, Johnny Nauracy, Saam Mojtahed, Alex Del Rio, Jonathan Azar, Peter Panos

deca

(front row) Catherine Tavitas, Briana Crowe, Nathalie Kauz, Deeva Khatiwada, Ishani Sharma, Neeta Patwari *(second row)* Emma Hong, Carson Ollo, Jonathan Pasyk, Nick Milkovich, Lauren Rouse, Alison Frankland, Kelly Mundy *(third row)* Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Steven Burgwald, AJ Gauthier, Aaron Handler, Tania Cordova, Kendall Goldberg, Liz Lanman *(fourth row)* Natalia Bilek, Lucas Milkovich, Madison Switalla, Catherine Oesterle, Aditya Mishra, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Kishan Patel *(back row)* Andrew Alvarez, Marc Levitan, Billy Roser, Daniel Straka, Allison Hemingway, Siddharth Divakaruni, Brian Banach, Ayesha Khan

deca

(front row) Elise Dorn, Danica Obradovic, Cayla Bales, Jessica Layous, Melanie Krueger, Erin Gallagher *(second row)* Jordan Dixon, Jeremy Gonzalez, Dan Green, Bala Chockalingam, Andy Chen, Sydney Gunty, Nikki Heiniger *(third row)* Josh Shalen, Vijay Narayan, Chetan Chauhan, Sripad Kodukula, Adam Kulam, Sean Pruzin, Scott Farlan *(fourth row)* Parin Patel, Bridget Anderson, Jackie Ashley, Jill Radermacher, Sidarth Singh, Rathnam Venkat, Calvin Sanders *(back row)* Liana Varjabedian, Ashley Wenzel, Maya Portillo, Madyson Moyer, Daniel Riggs, Angela Jones, Erica Tritsch, Emily Mis

miles to victory

practicing role plays and taking tests took DECA members around the country for competition

16 miles to Hobart for District
159 miles to Indianapolis for State
2016 miles to Anaheim, CA for Internationals
2791 total miles for DECA success

source: Mrs. Jennifer Radde, math teacher

for the record

deca

(front row) Cassidy Schwartz, Judie Muhrez, Allison Mudro, Fareesa Siddiqui, Casey Boelt, Priscilla Rivera, Nikki Mammano *(second row)* Maui Evans, Zach Suggs, Ben Gonzalez, Ari Chioros, Emily Bochnowski, Sarah Webster, Emily McNicholas *(third row)* Lauren Soeka, Sarah Sharpe, Gina Catania, Sammi Koufos, Lia Andreatos, Maritza Garcia, Emily Anderson *(back row)* Rachel Jones, Brittany Lee, Serena Patel, Anisha Vavilala, Naiomi Velasco, Priya Shah, Anna Stooksbury, Omnya Zaman

deca

(front row) Rachel Corradin, Jessica Ivetich, Sydney Kawalec, Prabhneet Girn, Elena Piech, Zahra Bhoy *(second row)* Lena Storino, Bridget Pruzin, Taha Qureshi, Samantha Barilla, Mary Maloney, Anna Riggs *(back row)* Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle, Jordan Cockrum, Brittany Barajas, Maggie Anderson, Erin Harvath, Deepali Patil

french club

president: Calvin Sanders, junior

vice president: Sameer Chintamani, senior

activities: cheese party, mardi gras party

(front row) Olivera Todorovic, Megan Hernandez, Alexandria Milne, Krysten Leahy, Tatiana Lopez, Allison Levin *(second row)* Ashley Hwang, Emily Anderson, Maritza Garcia, Caitlyn Knor, Tannes Shmagranoff, Claire LeMonnier *(third row)* Neeta Patwari, Michelle Pietruszka, Tiffany Wang, Esbeida Guzman, Katarina Ivanovic, Pam Muangmingsuk, Mia Torres *(fourth row)* Sameer Chintamani, Chelsea Eickleberry, Lauren Mintz, Catherine Oesterle, Revati Kalluri, Brianna Dittmer *(back row)* Catherine Sobilo, Rilee Whitaker, Jessica Lapa, Emmy Georgas, Brooke Winter, Helena Jancosek, Calvin Sanders

top five french foods

France offered many types of cuisine for the French club members to try

5 **cassoulet:** beans and carrot dish that contains pork sausages, duck or mutton

4 **tarte tatin:** a french apple tarte

3 **beef bourguignon:** beef stew cooked with red wine, garlic, onions and mushrooms

2 **nicoise salad:** salad made with raw vegetables, small chat potatoes, green beans, hard boiled eggs and tuna

1 **corissant au beurre:** french breakfast butter croissant

source: www.mylifeisbeautiful.com

french club

(front row) Emma Nossem, Laurel Demkovich, Emily Kaniewski, Max Baker, Tricia Tagamolia, Serena Patel *(second row)* Courtnee Cruz, Siddharth Divakaruni, Luis Dominguez, Meredith Simmons, Delilah Owens, Anne Burke, Jacob Demeter *(third row)* Lucas Milkovich, Patrick Burke, Justin Woodward, Ziyad Kraft, Antione Van Dyke, Antonia DalleCarbonare, Mady Athey *(fourth row)* Mega Dafiaghor, Julia Swibes, Ashley Talesky, Josh Kong, Hannah Fischer, Emily Whitaker, Jessie Palma *(back row)* Sam Toth, Michael McGrath, Steven Caraher, Ben Mecyssine, Joseph Gallagher, Jake Brown, Avi Sahi, Collin Sroge

french club

(front row) Alexandria Sullivan, Taylor Merkel, Shawn Mahoney, Jay Foreit, Jennifer Tassaro, Sydney Kawalec *(second row)* Carly Levin, James Han, Collin Sharpe, Alex Kirr, Vivian Reba, Claire Svoboda, Hunter Standley *(third row)* Lauren Russell, Valerie Niemiec, Jackie Dye, Khalehla Strong, Lorena Alvarado, Victoria Chinnam, Lupita Alvarado *(fourth row)* Nick Milkovich, Nadia Radowick, Emily Mis, Parin Patel, Sidarth Singh, Brandon Tepper, Antonio Delgado *(back row)* Juila Chael, William Ault, Abigail Jurado, Brooke Butler, Roxie Pugh, Rohyn Flanagan-Seels, Abigail Kapitan, Anna Bilse

french club

(front row) Niki Mammano, Colleen Lusk, Emily Grunewald, Maggie Szakacs, Zoe Munoz *(second row)* Gillian Urhaniak, Seung Lee, Elizabeth DellaRocco, Kathleen Gonzales, Charmaine Connell *(back row)* Suzana Rodriguez, Charles DeCesaris, Kimberly Wang, Allison Dinh, Zain Haddad, Zaria Suggs

foreign tongues

from parties to the classroom, french students used certain key phrases to talk to each other

- *excusez-moi*: excuse me; sorry
- *comment allez-vous*: how are you
- *merci beaucoup*: thank you very much
- *bonsoir*: good evening
- *au revoir*: goodbye

source: sophomores Krysten Leahy and Seeung Lee

for the record

german club

president: Christian Fary, senior
vice president: Nathalie Kauz, junior

(front row) Dylan Goodman, Daniel Cappo, Emma Jo Prucha, Emily Hammermiester, Prabhneet Girn, Carleen Rivera, Brian Araya *(second row)* Morgan Kaptur, Mariana Rogers, Theresa Novosel, Tatiana Lopez, Jenny Tassaro, Heather Hemingway, Lauren Mintz *(third row)* T.J. Wiezz, Sydney Deboer, Anna Kaniewski, Noah Villaroman, Carly Levin, Sarah Mathew, Nathalie Kauz *(back row)* William Greenlaw, Elise Dorn, Catherine Tavitas, Nicole Smith, Allison Hemingway, Angelica Timar, Alec Roquena, Catherine Arndt

german club

(front row) Josh Armstrong, Nicholas Bleza, Samuel Punday, Austin Drabenstot, Melissa McCann, Rachel Markowicz, Katie Long *(second row)* James Bieniak, Michael Peters, Josh Peters, Thomas Speranza, Seth Weston, Brett Kessler *(back row)* Eric Swingler, Alec Thompson, Sean Hasse, Alex Megremis, Ian Clark, Casey Terry, Christian Fary

jazz band

(front row) Carly Levin, Lena Storino, Catherine Oesterle, Jesse Palma, Mary Kujawski *(second row)* Kalin Bradley, Garrett Zuck, Qionte Sullivan, John Karamichos, Clayton St. Martin, Catherine Sobilo *(third row)* Mary Strong, Austin Drabenstot, Levi Sasek, Kayetan Wozniak, Michael Peters, Drew Adams, Jeremy Murphy *(back row)* Sean Hasse, Jonathan Lemke, Michael Litwiller, Erick Alanis, Ziyad Kraft, William Ault, Josh Morris, Michael Burns

german eats

the origins of popular German foods come with interesting stories

1. King Frederick II introduced what food?
a. corn
b. potato
c. strawberry

2. German soup usually contains what?
a. cabbage
b. celery stocks
c. dried beans

3. What is a German food staple?
a. apples
b. potatoes
c. beets

4. What is weisse bohnensuppe?
a. white bean soup
b. chicken soup
c. beet soup

source: www.foodbycountry.com answers: b, c, b, a

marching band

drum majors: seniors Megan Sellberg and Devin Zuck

(front row) Erick Alanis, Emily Whitaker, Lucas Milkovich, Matthew Cappo, Drew Adams, Luis Corral *(second row)* Luis Dominguez, Austin Drabenstot, Daniel Straka, Michael Wadas, Garrett Zuck, Kalin Bradley, Courtnee Cruz *(third row)* Mary Strong, Evan Fus, Levi Sasek, Kayetan Wozniak, Asya-Broghton George, Erik Rhodes, William Ault *(fourth row)* Michael Peters, John Kapitan, James Bieniak, Dylan Ozug, Joshua Morris, Ziyad Kraft, Devin Zuck *(back row)* Sean Hasse, Michael Litwiller, Jonathan Jercha, Christian Markey, Jake Morse, Jonathan Lemke, Billy McDunn, Arlo Detmer

marching band

(front row) Alex Reich, Zola Carter, Kristen Davidson, Deepali Patil, Brittany Lee, Jhoanna Sadural *(second row)* Lauren Mintz, Angelica Timar, Heather Hemingway, Dara Medina, Jennifer Tassaro, Rilee Whitaker, Allison Levin *(third row)* John Archer, Jessie Palma, Megan Sellberg, Catherine Oesterle, Clayton St. Martin, Mary Kujawski, Avi Patel, Shawn Mahoney *(fourth row)* Adam Kulam, Leoncio Ortiz, Tessa Faubion, Carly Levin, Katie Gajewski, Caitlin Fitch, Cameron Singleton *(back row)* Ian Frankland, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer, Michael Szewka, John Karamichos, Michael Buchalo, Jeremy Murphy, Qionte Sullivan

marching band

(front row) Nikki Mammano, Shaniyah Kimbrough, Megan Spence, Hannah Juarez, Camille Jancosek *(second row)* Delaney Mendez, Samantha Berg, Daniel Cappo, Emily Hammermeister, Prabhneet Girn, Julia Adams *(third row)* Kelsey Lynch, Lena Storino, Maria Karamichos, Catherine Sobilo, Martina Trivunovic, Jillian Ylo

in full bloom

in preparation for the state competition at Lucas Oil Stadium, marching band puts in countless hours practicing their show, "Bloom"

- 28 hours practicing for 4th of July
- 92 hours of band camp over the summer
- 38 hours of after school rehearsal
- 5 home game performances
- 7 marching competitions

source: www.charms.com

for the record

men's ensemble

(*front row*) Thomas Speranza, Michael Wadas, Brandon Yager, Calvin Sanders (*back row*) Steven Caraher, Michael Han, Michael Peters, Christian Fary, Daniel Straka

munster theatre company

(*first row*) Katie Gajewski, Meredith Simmons, Allison Hemingway, Kendall Goldberg, Maddie O'Dea, Anne Burke (*second row*) Hannah Fischer, Jake Bobeck, Ethan Courtney, Barbara Klavin, Zachary Liesenfelt, Garrett McShea, Jenna Hoffmann (*third row*) Casey Terry, Rachel Jamrose, Ben Mecyssine, George Jurincie, Kevin Yurasovich, Tyler Van Wieren, Milos Trivunovic (*back row*) Thomas Speranza, Daniel Straka, Michael Peters, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Erin Chant, Delilah Owens (*back row*) Joseph Gallagher, Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn, Michael Han, Christian Fary, Rohan Chatterjee, Ben Nichols, Vijai Dharla

munster theatre company

(*first row*) Seung Lee, Jamie McDowell, Camille Jancosek, Rachel Borgo, Helena Jancosek, Colleen Lusk (*second row*) Martina Trivunovic, Chelsea Eickleberry, Lauren Mintz, Angelica Timar, Austin Drabenstot, Melody Velez, Rebecca Karnezis (*third row*) Chloe Zatorski, Allison Levin, Peyton Tinder, Claire LeMonnier, Shanna Klisser, Daniel Cappo, Dana Owens (*fourth row*) Julie Chael, Carly Levin, Cesar Camacho, Brianna Dittmer, Catherine Arndt, Therese Capriglione, Zoe Mintz (*back row*) Emma Nossem, Laurel Demkovich, Bess Fary, Emmy Georgas, Jessica Wargo, Hayley Kwasniewski, Calvin Sanders, Amy McDunn

national honor society

president: Steven Burgwald, senior
vice president: Rachel Corradin, senior

(*front row*) Emma-Sarah Stephens, Anne Burke, Delilah Owens, Arielle Martin, Nicole Plewniak, Kendall Goldberg (*second row*) Austin Drabenstot, Anna Kaniewski, Charlie Levin, Holly Markovich, Sarah Mathew, Jade Broadnax (*third row*) Russell Doctor, Michael Peters, Kevin O'Brien, Mat Enger, Marko Popovich, Alex Crowe, Justin Lee (*fourth row*) Alex Sikora, David Trivunovic, William Greenlaw, AJ Gauthier, Steven Burgwald, Devin Zuck, Chris Paul (*back row*) Peter Kraft, Ben Nichols, Christian Fary, Michael Han, Jonathan Jercha, Shivram Chandramouli, Trace McCarthy, Nick Loughlin

national honor society

(*front row*) Rachel Borgo, Jenna Hoffmann, Helena Jancosek, Erin Lusk, Lindsay Rozynek, Jabree Ellis (*second row*) Casey Griffin, Nicole Delia, Anna Ackermann, Emma Hodges, Tania Cordova, Rachel Corradin, Jessica Ivetich (*back row*) Maggie Cole, Maggie Perino, Julia Adams, Salony Dighamber, Megan Sellberg, Mykaela Burton, Mary Kujawski

national honor society

(*front row*) Bridget Pruzin, Samantha Barilla, Emma Hong, Colleen Ogren, Maggie Szakacs, Sierra Smith (*second row*) Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Jennifer Tassaro, Catherine Sobilo, Liana Varjabedian, Ashley Wenzel, Sameer Chintamani, Kelan Harish (*third row*) Angela Jones, Megan Sheets, Daniel Riggs, Nick Brant, Ayan Patel, Jonathan Pasyk, Andrew Alvarez (*fourth row*) Bridget Anderson, Aaron Handler, Wilfred Vincent Pacatang, Mackenzie Kasper, Emily Mis, Olivia Wagner, Madeline Kasper (*back row*) Ally Ylo, Aamina Khan, Priya Pierre, Rachel Chen, Maya Portillo, Sylvie Kristoff, Trisha Madura, Parin Patel

orchestra

(*first row*) Laurel Curran, Anna Kaniewski, Milica Vezmar, Sydney De Boer, Megan Sellberg, Martina Trivunovic (*second row*) Emily Kanlewski, Emma Nossem, Anne Burke, Mary Strong, Haley Moles, Anusha Vavilala, Vishva Maniar, (*third row*) Chetan Chauhan, Charles DeCesaris, David Oh, Rathnam Venkat, Colin Richter, Kylie Jen, Elise Dorn (*fourth row*) Nicholas Cossyleon, Samuel Punday, Ana Johnson, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Justin Lee, Kyle Lee, Balashwethen Chockalingam (*back row*) Harsh Jhaveri, Andrew Dorn, Jonathan Neeley, Simon Pirok, Alex Sotiropoulos, Vijai Dharla, George Jurincie, Christian Fary

honorable **hours**

seniors in National Honor Society earn their membership by having good grades and volunteering

- maintain a 3.2 GPA
- 30 approved volunteer hours from the time of induction
- refrain from dishonesty and respect the school's honor code and the law

source: president, Steven Burgwald, senior

chocolate craving Selling baked goods to Seung Lee, sophomore, seniors, Rachel Corradin, Aaron Handler and Megan Sheets volunteer their lunch hour and raise money for the National Honor Society scholarship.

for the record

orchestra

(front row) Ruhani Sansoya, Cecilia Zavala, Amy McDunn, Rachel Chen, Emma Hong, Maya Portillo *(second row)* Anthony Zmuda, Maddie Sharmat, Cristina Lopez, Aarju Patel, Clara Kopacz, Aiszah Rangel *(third row)* Daniel Soeka, Revati Kalluri, Rohini Kalluri, Kimberly Wang, Jacob Levy, Brian Araya, Rachel Borgo *(fourth row)* Lena Storino, Catherine Oesterle, Emma Hodges, Bess Fary, Priasha Iyer, Ishani Sharma, Nicholas Lundin *(back row)* Carly Levin, Chris Newman, Katie Long, Kim Szymkowski, Tessa Faubion, Nathalie Kauz, Elaine Zmuda, Jhoanna Sadural

paragon

editors-in-chief: seniors Aamina Khan and Ally Ylo
managing editor: Priya Pierie, senior
copy editor: Mia Torres, junior
awards: 5th Place Best In Show NSPA

(front row) Zahra Bhoy, Aamina Khan, Ally Ylo, Cesar Camacho *(second row)* Elena Piech, Katie Muczynski, Mia Torres, Priya Pierie, Natalia Bilek *(back row)* Tessa Crull, Zachary Suggs, Liz Lanman, Erin Lusk, Ali Bauer, Vanessa Fonseca

pep band

(front row) Mary Kujawski, Jessie Palma, Hannah Fischer, Megan Sellberg, Carly Levin, Leoncio Ortiz *(second row)* Garrett Zuck, Jeremy Murphy, John Karamichos, Michael Buchalo, Clayton St. Martin, Michael Szewka, Shawn Mahoney *(third row)* Drew Adams, Kayetan Woziniak, Luis Dominguez, Qionte Sullivan, Kalin Bradley, Austin Drabenstot, Chris Paul *(fourth row)* Erik Rhodes, William Ault, Ziyad Kraft, Jeremy Morse, Michael Peters, Mary Strong, Matthew Cappo *(back row)* Jonathan Lemke, Michael Litwiller, Erick Alanis, Jonathan Jercha, Daniel Straka, Billy McDunn, Devin Zuck, James Bieniak

working on a deadline

the yearbook staff goes through a step-by-step process to put each spread together

mon

- The writers began working on their next spreads. This includes choosing photos, writing captions, and writing their story.
- Co-Editors, Aamina Khan and Ally Ylo, seniors, give out any extra assignments necessary to prepare for future deadlines.

tues

- The writers continue compiling the elements needed for their spreads. Photographers look for and edit photos to be used on the spreads.
- Returning staff members assist new members with thier work.
- Aamina creates a design template for the alternative copy, story package, and captions.

wed

- The writers and photographers start class by discussing photo opportunities around school. Writers assign the photographers to shoot events and activities for upcoming spreads.
- The writers give all elements to Ally to design spreads on design paper.

thurs

- The writers receive their designed spreads and build them on InDesign. They place their photos, insert their story and caption, and build alternative copy.
- Returning staff members assist new members as they build their alternative copy and place photos.

fri

- The writers finish up building their spreads and print out seven copies.
- Each writer takes home a copy the other spreads to cross edit for mistakes.

sat

- The writers edit each other's spreads so that there are no style errors or copy errors, making sure that everything is consistent.

sun

- The writers come in on Sunday morning to make edits to their spreads.
- The writers print out a copy of their spreads so that everyone can edit their pages one final time.
- Writers make final edits and prepare to submit pages to the yearbook printing plant.

source: Aamina Khan, senior

pep band

(front row) Delaney Mendez, Catherine Oesterle, Daniel Cappo, Lena Storino, Jhoanna Sadural *(back row)* Angelica Timar, Maria Karamichos, Jennifer Tassaro, Catherine Sobilo, Martina Trivunovic, Allison Levin

ping pong club

(front row) Kassandra Barraza, Jeremy Murphy, Amy McDunn, Palak Patel, Allison Dihn, Alexia Calderon, Brian Araya *(second row)* Lauren Adams, Noah Villaroman, Serena Patel, Dara Medina, David Oh, Daniel Soeka, Aditya Mishra *(third row)* Diego Alanis, Aleksandar Balac, Arthur Carey, Joe Yurek, Akash Shah, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Amanda Milojkovitch *(back row)* Robert Heitz, Alex Baker, Lucas Newell, Conor Taylor, Amanda Kvasnica, Ross Hobbs, Courtney Zunica, Patrick Marsh

poetry club

(front row) Lioncio Ortiz, Allison Levin, Julia Adams, Shandan Johnson *(back row)* Michael Szewka, Cameron Singleton, Jacob Lakomiek, Carly Levin

project x

activities: Pennies for Patients, recycling

(front row) Konstantine Svolos, Alex Wisniewski, Melissa Tepperman, Sydney Gunty, Jill Rademacher, Jonathan Azar *(second row)* Rachel Markowicz, Amanda Milojkovitch, Katy Arteaga, Brenda Flores, Collin Sharpe, Mary Maloney, Emily Anderson *(third row)* Annilee Taylor, Ross Hobbs, Emma Nossem, Alison Frankland, Briana Crowe, Danica Obradovic, Catherine Tavitas *(fourth row)* Max Baker, T.J. Weiss, Kevin Fuhs, Eashan Kumar, Maggie Cole, Carly Levin, Courtney Weinberg *(back row)* Joe Yurek, Shivram Chandramouli, Luke Pillarella, Alex Baker, Matthew Mavity, Justin Lee, Kyle Lee, Bala Chockalingam

for the record

project x

(front row) Laurissa Portillo, Stephanie Bulow, Sydney Kawalec, Brittany Lee, Erin Harvath, Taylor Merkel *(second row)* Nikki Mammano, Cesar Camacho, Zaria Suggs, Conor Taylor, Tegan Murphy, Julianne Rice, Maureen Doherty *(third row)* Rilee Whitaker, Erin Chant, Jade Broadnax, Maggie Szakacs, Tania Cordova, Katie Wiening, Ally Szakas *(fourth row)* Allsion Levin, Sarah Mathew, Emma Hodges, Casey Griffin, Victoria Chinnam, Brooke Winter, Kaitlyn Taylor *(back row)* Gina Catania, Sarah Sharpe, Leksi Gasich, Allison Wisniewski, Elaina Etter, Lia Andreatos, Alejandro Mercado, Emily Wierman

project x

(front row) Mia Torres, Tiffany Wang, Kimberly Wang, Charles DeCesanis, Kendra Brown, Alisa Munoz, Katie Bobalik *(second row)* Elena Piech, Andy Chen, Saptarshi Chakarborty, Mary Kujawski, Dayna Van Woert, Priasha Iyer, Rachel Chen, Danielle Szewka *(third row)* Neeta Patwari, Arielle Crowe, Rachel Corradin, Maya Portillo, Nicole Plewniak, Sripad Kodukula, Dan Green, Kasey Kulesa *(back row)* Paulina Kawalec, Kassandra Barraza, Salony Dighamber, Julia Adams, Tatiana Lopez, Morgan Kaptur, Allison Mudro, Nathalie Kauz, Amy McCullough

robotics

(front row) Savannah Kurgan, Amanda Martin, Clayton St. Martin, Mariah Saucedo, Domeneque Geron, Emma Prucha, Daniel Cappo *(second row)* Melody Velez, Dara Medina, Alyssa Comer, Michelle Weller, Matt Williams, Leoncio Ortiz, Michelle Pietruszka *(third row)* Jacob Powers, Jimmy Eaton, Marcello Urbanowicz, Raskirth Singh, Barbara Klavin, Michael Szewka, Caitlin Eitch *(back row)* George Asya-Broughton, Ben Mecyssine, Matthew Cappo, Jake Bobeck, Nelson Hemingway, Joshua Peters, Kalin Bradley, Omnya Zaman

adding up the hours

project x volunteered at various places to fulfill their requirement of 4 service hours per month

4 hours police department
2 hours Munster Med Inn
1 hour counting Pennies for Patients money
1 2 hour recycling
1/2 hour collecting for Pennies for Patients

source: Brenda Flores, junior

SADD

president: Nadia Radowick, senior

(front row) Brandon Tepper, Joseph Kmak, Nadia Radowick, Yiorgo Karnezis, Luke Pillarella, Brandon Winter *(second row)* Zaria Suggs, Mackenzie Portone Mackenzie Peirick, Olivia Askew, Antonio Delgado, Nick Milkovich, Ryan Glasen *(third row)* Gianna Fotopoulos, Catherine Tavitas, Calli Chafin, Nikki Heiniger, Kelly Mundy, Elise Dorn, Carly Stemberg *(fourth row)* Rachel Jamrose, Courtney Weinberg, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Kaitlyn Taylor, Vivian Reba, Jade Broadnax, Konstantine Svolos *(back row)* Jimmy Eaton, Samuel Rosser, Mary Beth Blocher, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Amanda Kvasnica, Victoria Foster, Conor Taylor, Casey Terry

SADD

(front row) Jordan Cole, Danielle Hladek, Olivera Todorovic, Justin Woodward, Jeremy Gonzalez, Dayna Van Woert *(second row)* Ally Szakacs, Rachel Jones, Erin Gallagher, Natalie Vellutini, Melanie Krueger, Mady Athey, Siddharth Divakaruni *(third row)* Anna Bilse, Jackie Dye, Lauren Adams, Alyse Dittrich, Danica Obradovic, Maria Karamichos, Caitlyn Knor *(fourth row)* Tania Cordova, Mary Maloney, Allison Hemingway, Maureen Doherty, Brooke Winter, Emmy Georgas, Lauren Russel *(back row)* Valerie Niemiec, Emily Anderson, Maggie Szakacs, Daniel Riggs, Andrea Paunicka, Madyson Moyer, Hannah White, Parin Patel

SADD

(front row) Tatiana Cruz, Allison Wisniewski, Sydney Gunty, Sammi Koufos, Kailee Loughlin, Emma Jo Prucha *(second row)* Zoe Munoz, Emily Rada, Jessica Ivetich, Stephanie Bulow, Kaley Regan, Sean O'Brien, Lauren Koultourides *(third row)* Priya Shah, Elizabeth Prado, Emily Hammermeister, Lily Hasler, Ayesha Khan, Rachel Corradin *(back row)* Amanda Milojkovitch, Wendy Stocky, Brenda Flores, Manar Odtallah, Serena Patel, Naiomi Velasco, Fareesa Siddiqui

Attempting to text and drive. Doug Yokovich, senior, tries out the driving simulator at the SADD don't text and drive assembly.

a dangerous combination

promoting safer driving, SADD held an assembly about the risks of texting and driving

In 2011, 23% of accidents involved cell phones

1 out of 5 drivers confess to surfing the web while driving

77% of young adults are confident that they can text and drive safely

34% of teens admit they have texted while driving

55% of young adults say texting and driving is easy

source: www.textinganddrivingsafety.com

for the record

spanish club

president: Maggie Perino, senior
vice president: Matt Mavity, senior

(*front row*) Nikki Heiniger, Erin Gallagher, Rachel Jones, Maureen Doherty, Madison Switalla, Carlos Douglas (*second row*) Carl Hehemann, Antonio Delgado, Adam Kulam, David Vogel, Armando Vazquez, Kelly Mundy, Gianna Fotopoulos (*third row*) Danica Obradovic, Morgan Switalla, Elizabeth Kloos, Konstantine Svolos, Christian Poulos, Aron Panas, Brian Banach (*fourth row*) Eashan Kumar, Daniel Riggs, Saam Mojtahed, Ben Gonzalez, Matthew Mavity, Joe Yurek, Priya Shah (*back row*) Conor Taylor, Victoria Foster, Amanda Kvasnica, Marcos Vasquez, Arthur Carey, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Jimmy Murphy, Raskirth Singh

spanish club

(*front row*) Casey Griffin, Maya Portillo, Emma Hodges, Maria Karamichos, Elaine Zmuda, Akash Shah (*second row*) Jordan Cockrum, Catherine Oesterle, Anthony Zmuda, Shanna Klisser, Dylan Goodman, Theresa Novosel, Tatiana Lopez (*third row*) Katy Arteaga, Jonathan Flores, Michael Cuvala, Rachel Schoffman, Mary Maloney, Katie Wiening, Jessica Burek (*fourth row*) Nicholas Lundin, Daniel Spencer, Cristina McNeiley, Anna Stooksbury, Amanda Milojkvitch, Cesar Camacho, Mackenzie Portone (*back row*) Courtney Weinberg, Serena Patel, Anisha Vavilala, Naiomi Velasco, Lauren Florek, Jeremy Murphy, Aditya Mishra, Nicholas Ochoa

spanish club

(*front row*) Emily Rada, Dana Handler, Sean O'Brien, Lauren Koultourides, Maggie Perino, Zoe Munoz, Tatiana Cruz (*second row*) Alexis Monthie, Paige Puplava, Caitlin Swetlik, Alexia Calderon, Palak Patel, Meena Kandallu, Kassandra Barraza (*third row*) Esbeida Guzman, Karissa Senisais, Paige Bohling, Amy McDunn, Angelica Small, Ruhani Sansoya, Savannah Shaver (*back row*) Erin Harvath, Michelle Pietruszka, Vanessa Fonseca, Julia Eskander, Gustavo Magana, Elena Piech, Ruben Shehigian, Kelsie Kasper

speech and debate

president: Emma Hong, senior
vice president: Sameer Chintamani, senior and Nick Siano, junior

(*front row*) Meredith Simmons, Mary Maloney, Maureen Doherty, Julia Chael, Rachel Bishop, Peyton Tinder. (*second row*) Kasey Faubion, Kim Szymkowski, Madison Switalla, Katie Long, Allison Hemingway, Hailey Estes, Laurel Curran (*third row*) Siddharth Divakaruni, Jabree Ellis, Michael Szewka, Austin Babb, Nick Milkovich, Tom Vanko, Miesha Severinov (*fourth row*) Jennifer Kristoff, Courtney Zunica, Brett Kaufmann, Conner Zunica, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Giannini, Natalia Bilek, (back row) Harry Goldenberg, Rathnam Venkat, Josh Shalen Nick Siano, Cassidy Schwartz, Kendall Goldberg, Eashan Kumar, Zaria Suggs

speech and debate

(*front row*) Tatiana Shinkan, Helena Jancosek, Rachel Borgo, Abby Pennanen (*second row*) Shriya Das, Dana Handler, Colleen Lusk, Lauren Koultourides (*back row*) Priya Pierie, Jill Ylo, Belinda Oberman, Charmaine Connell, Maddie Sharmat

speech and debate

(*first row*) Judie Muhrez, Aamina Khan, Emma Hong, Tania Cordova, Rachel Corradin, Erin Chant (*second row*) Elaine Zmuda, Kathleen Gonzales, Nia Clark, Zach Long, Jeremy Stout, Sameer Chintamani, Calvin Sanders (third row) Vivian Reba, Meena Kandallu, Chloe Zatonski, Emily Wierman, Arielle Crowe, Anna Riggs, Ayesha Khan (*fourth row*) Rohini Kalluri, Brian Araya, Jacob Levy, Vincent D'Angelo, Melody Velez, Cecilia Zavala, Jaz Nevarez (*back row*) Elizabeth Prado, Mega Dafiaghor, Jamie McDowell, Risa Christopher, Julia Torres, Lydia Zheng, Anisha Vavilala, Revati Kalluri

speech and debate

(*front row*) Catherine Tavitas, Briana Crowe, Julianne Rice, Bridget Pruzin, Thomas Speranza, Elise Dorn (*second row*) Vijai Dharia, Antoine VanDyke, Lucas Newell, Casey Terry, Rachel Jamrose, Sidarth Singh, Saam Mojtahed (*third row*) Christian Fary, Rohan Chatterjee, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Akash Shah, Aditya Mishra, Arthur Carey (*fourth row*) Akhilesh Mishra, Peter Kraft, William Greenlaw, Nadia Radowick, Sam Punday, Michael Peters, Joseph Alessi (*back row*) Eric Swingler, Jim Foster, Walker Hedgepath, David Watts, Joseph Gallagher, Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn, Harsh Jhaveri

stuff speech

kids say

members of speech can often be heard saying these common phrases

- where's my prose book?
- red letter, yellow leather
- that judge was stonefacing me the entire round
- it's been three hours, final round still isn't up
- didn't see daylight today

source: Kendall Goldberg, senior

for the record

speech and debate

(*front row*) David Oh, Claude Nunez, Jenson Huang, Collin Sharpe, Austin Klawitter, Kaitlyn Wiening (*second row*) Kevin Fuhs, Andy Chen, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Sripad Kodukula, Dan Green, Balashwethan Chockalingam, Charles DeCesaris (*third row*) Zoe Mintz, Jackie Dye, Michael Cuvala, Billy Roser, Kylee McVicker, Konstantine Svolos, Alex Wisniewshi (*fourth row*) Bess Fary, Jenna Hoffmann, Haley Moles, Alex Sotiropoulos, Mike Rivich, Marc Levitan, Clay Arnold (*Back Row*) Claire Le Monnier, Mykaela Burton, Jessica Bhavsar, Jessica Layous, Rama Alsakaji, Fareesa Siddiqui, Elena Piech, Cesar Camacho.

stand

activities: standy grams, MLK youth workshop, bake sales

(*front*) Lauren Soeka, Heather Hemingway, Julia Torres, Roxie Pugh, Natasha Jones, Seung Lee, Tatiana Cruz (*back row*) Mega Dafiaghor, Siddharth Divakaruni, Steven Pilipow, Abigail Jurado, Jamie Deja, Laurel Curran, Alexandra Sullivan

student government

president: William Greenlaw, senior
vice president: Ben Nichols, senior
activities: Battle of the Bands, Student vs. Faculty basketball, Powder Puff football, Dance Marathon

(*front row*) Anna Riggs, Jill Ylo, Calvin Sanders, Prabhneet Girn, Elena Piech, Lauren Koultourides (*second row*) Adam Kulam, Dan Green, Nikki Heiniger, Emma Hong, Deeva Khatimada, Tania Cordova (*third row*) Peter Panos, Sydney Gunty, Rachel Schoffman, Lauren Adams, Mackenzie Peirick, Zachary Suggs, Nathan Kondamuri (*fourth row*) Michael Wadas, Michael Portone, AJ Gauthier, Alex Wisniewski, Nick Gauthier, Sammi Koufos (*back row*) Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Alex Del Rio, Steven Burgwald, William Greenlaw, Ben Nichols, Russell Doctor

united we stand

each We The People unit labeled themselves as a way to define a unique aspect of their unit

Unit 1:
"unit fun"

"We were the unit that definitely bonded the most and got the closest through the year."

Judie Muhrez, junior

Unit 2:
"deeva and friends"

"Deeva (Khatiwada, junior) was our 'unit mom.' We would've gotten nowhere without her. She always printed things out for us and did everything to help out."

Niko Ingoglia, junior

Unit 3:
"the chill unit"

"Whenever we had to do something, we were the ones that said, 'Okay, no one freak out. Let's just get the work done.' "

Josh Shalen, junior

thespians

(*first row*) Hayley Kwasniewski, Helena Jancosek, Dana Owens, Brianna Dittmer, Rachel Borgo (*second row*) Carly Levin, Anne Burke, Allison Hemingway, Madison O'Dea, Delilah Owens, Emmy Georgas (*third row*) Kevin Yurasovich, Tyler Van Wieren, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer, Chelsea Eickleberry, Martina Trivunovic, Katie Gajewski (*fourth row*) Calvin Sanders, Thomas Speranza, Morgan Papesh, Michael Peters, Casey Terry, Ben Mecyssine (*back row*) Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn, Michael Han, Ben Nichols, Kendall Goldberg, Christian Fary, Rohan Chatterjee, Colleen Kifer

we the people

captain: Sameer Chintamani, senior

(*front row*) Neeta Patwari, Judie Muhrez, Sarah Webster, Allison Mudro, Deeva Khatiwada (*second row*) Vijay Narayan, Jessica Bhavsar, Maya Portillo, Morgan Kaptur, Kailee Loughlin, Cassidy Schwartz (*third row*) Josh Shalen, Nathan Kondamuri, Harry Goldenberg, Sidarth Singh, Natalia Kotz, Calvin Sanders, Sameer Chintamani (*fourth row*) Thomas Vanko, Peter Panos, Ben Gonzalez, Nick Siano, Sudhin Krishnan, Rathnam Venkat (*back row*) Ricardo Delgado, Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Akhilesh Mishra, Brandon Barth, Ben Nichols, Will Benman

women's ensemble

(*front row*) Peyton Tinder, Hannah Witting, Bess Fary, Kathleen Gonzales, Helena Jancosek, Rachel Borgo (*back row*) Rachel Jamrose, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Delilah Owens, Katie Gajewski, Jenna Hoffmann, Lauren Florek

Unit 4:
"the brown unit"

"(When we first saw our assigned unit) we thought, 'Why are we all Indian except Sammy (Dong, senior)?' But we had a great bond and we were all family."

Ameera Minhas, senior

Unit 5:
"the happy go lucky unit"

"Everyone thought we were the dumb unit because we were so happy all the time. We were secretly pretty smart though! We almost got first at State."

Maya Portillo, senior

Unit 6:
"team testosterone"

"Mr. (Michael) Gordon (social studies teacher) called us 'Team Testosterone' because we're the only all-guy unit. We were also kind of a lone unit. Like in the library, we'd be the group sitting alone in the corner."

Peter Panos, junior

senior salute

jackie ashley

Dearest Jaclyn,
You have always made us laugh! Go confidently into life and you will accomplish your dreams.

We love you xoxo
Grammy and Paps

sophia filis

Sophia,
Strong, resilient, independent, loyal, and lovable. Embrace your future, shed the past, and live. Fearlessly.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, and family

emily wimmer

Dear Emily,
Words cannot express how proud we are of you and all you have acomplished. We are confident that you will continue to strive and succeed in your future dreams. We love you so very much!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Megan

jeremy stout

Congratulations, Jeremy! We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. We are excited for you and your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, and Family

jessica ivetich

Jessica,
You have amazed us with your strength and resilience and
We hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles to the highest of your hopes to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, and Vince

david carbajal

David,

Congratulations on all your achievements. We hope that the years ahead are successful and fulfilling ones at IU. We are so proud of you.

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad, and Ricky

cody baker

Cody,

Wishing you as much success in college as you've had hunting.

Love,
Mom and Dad

casey griffin

Just yesterday, it was an apple for the teacher. Soon, it will be a whole new growing experience. Couldn't be more proud of you, lil' girl. We love you!

Mom and Don

senior salute

james moss

Little Jim,

From boy to man in the blink of an eye, we are proud of you! Good luck at Purdue!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Erin

shelinda jones

Shelinda,

God has blessed you with unique talents and abilities, and you have used His gifts extremely well.

Your positive attitude, your willingness to try new things, your dedication and your caring ways.

All this shows just how much you've done, Shelinda, with His gifts...

Today, as you celebrate your accomplishments, remember that you are an important part of God's wonderful plan.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Sissy

erica tuley

We are so excited for you in the endless opportunities the future holds. Work hard, stay focused, and may all your dreams come true!

With all our love and support,
Mom and Dad

jill rademacher

Jillian,

We are so proud of you and the beautiful person you have become. You have everything you need for the journey ahead...faith in God, intelligence, strength, compassion, creativity, laughter, and the love and support of your family. May your light always shine bright so you never lose your way.

Our love always,
Mom, Dad, and Grant

jackie ashley

Jac,

You have worked hard and accomplished a lot in the past four years at MHS. Continue to strive for success at Purdue, and never take the easy way out! You are our little itty bitty pretty one forever.

Love always,
Mom and baby brother Timmy Boy! xoxo

delilah owens

From Indonesia to Guangzhou, China, to Hong Kong, to Bangkok, to Chicago, to Munster to...
Bloomington, IN...
the world is yours. Your *ibu* (mommy) would be so proud!

nicolas alo

Nicolas Alo,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. Reach for the stars, and let your dreams come true...

Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Vincent

senior salute

alexandra ylo

Dear Ally,
We are so proud of all your accomplishments at MHS, and we hope you will remember these years fondly. We are so excited for your future and all of the new friends and memories you will make at Purdue. You are an amazing person, and we love you so much. Remember, "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve."- Napolean Hill

Congratulations!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jill, and Nick

aaron handler

Congratulations Aaron!
We are so proud of you and what you have achieved. We know you will be successful in all that you do, and we can't wait for the next chapter in your life to begin. Good luck at IU!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dana

mary kujawski

Mary,
Congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of you. Good luck in college, and may all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad

michael wadas

Michael Joseph Wadas,

Aa' menle nauva calen ar' ta hwesta e' ale'quenle. Lye mel lle.

taylor bachert

Taylor,

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you home and a future." Jeremiah 29:10

You have already accomplished so much, we know you will never give up. May God always walk beside you in all that you do. We are so proud of you.

Love you so much.

Dad, Mom, Kayla, and Anna

salony digamber

Salony,

You do anything you set your mind to, and you won't stop until you've achieved it. Throughout the years, you've worked so hard all by yourself and have come so far. Your family couldn't be more proud. We love you, Noni Ghamber.

Best of luck and happiness,

Your family

extraordinary moments

"For Girls' Soccer, we were undefeated in Conference and Sectionals. We lost in Regionals to Crown Point in double overtime, but we still had one of the best overall records."
Parin Patel, senior

"I auditioned for *The Voice*, and it was the scariest moment of my life, and yet the most exciting. I'm going to do it again."
Shaniyah Kimbrough, sophomore

"I got a car for my birthday."
Erik Rhodes, junior

"This year I met some really good friends that I hope will stay in my life as I get older."
Khalehla Strong, freshman

"The most extraordinary thing that happened to me this year was when I received an A on my Chemistry test."
Steven Trivunovic, sophomore

"The menu changes have been the best thing for me. I love eating, and the added variety added excitement to the average day. The old food was terrible. I loved the new menu."
Jay Farah, freshman

"I reached my SAT score goal."
Sarah Webster, junior

"Right after school one day, I was taking my buddies home from school. We were driving down Howard Avenue when I looked left, and right in front of the police station there was a group of at least eight deer! You rarely see any deer in Munster, let alone eight. That was the most deer I had ever seen at once, and it was right in my hometown of Munster. We turned the car around immediately, but the deer literally vanished."
Eric Pluard, senior

senior salute

jackie ashley

JACLYN ASHLEY
We hope your dreams take you to the highest of your hopes and to the special places in your heart! Congratulations, Granddaughter.

Love,
Gramma and Grampa Seibert

carson ollo

We are so proud of you and are excited to see what the future holds. There is no doubt that your sweet, kind heart and character will help you reach your goals through college and beyond.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Tanner

carly levin

Carly,
Congratulations!! We are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing the great things yet to come!!!

Love,
Daddy, Mommy, Allison, and Matthew

renee zapinksi

Renee,
We are so proud of you. Good luck with all you set out to do. Go Cats!

All our love,
Mom, Evan, Sarah, Grammy, and Papa

alex crowe

Alex,
We are so proud of how you have excelled in school and life and always keep your sense of humor... You have the foundation to achieve all your goals.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Bri, Ari, and Niki

madyson moyer

Hope you have this smile on your face for the rest of your life

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kendal,
Makaela and Gracie

david trivunovic

David Lorenzo,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments, for no one could ask for a better son. May you keep up the good work at Purdue, for success is truly in your future!

We love you so much!
Love,
Mom and Tat

andrew alvarez

"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition."
-Lincoln

Andrew,
You're everything we hoped for.
Good luck at Butler!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jonathan, and
Serena

senior salute

extraordinary moments

"To ask me what the most extraordinary thing that happened to me this year is one of the hardest questions ever asked of me. I have had so many amazing experiences this year, that to pick only one would be unfair. This year alone I've met and exceeded my expectations for my band, The Trademarked. I've seen amazing concerts and met historical people. The combination of my experiences this year has made it nearly impossible to say which of them is the most extraordinary. If I had to choose one, it would be living to see all of my tenth grade experiences. And THAT'S extraordinary!"
Patrick Losinecki, sophomore

"I got an A on my Bio test."
Delaney Mendez, freshman

"I was accepted to my first choice college."
Andrea Paunicka, senior

"My beard and my mustache are starting to connect."
Niko Ingoglia, junior

"I was accepted into Purdue's interior design program."
Erin Chant, senior

"I put twenty grapes in my mouth."
Nikki Heiniger, sophomore

"I moved to Munster and came to the best school I've been to in a while."
Nicholas Ochoa, freshman

"I began my dubstep EP and made new friends."
Jonathan Lemke, sophomore

"I went to Yellowstone."
Luke Heritage, freshman

"I won two free Blackhawks tickets for my grades!"
Alexis Montiel, junior

■ mariana rogers

Our Bulgarian princess has grown into a beautiful American young woman. We are so proud of who you are and all you have accomplished! May you experience all the success and happiness in life that you deserve. Remember that we love you and are always here for you.

Mom, Dad, and John

■ mike mueller

Mike,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Best of luck at Purdue Calumet and on their baseball team.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

jackie ashley

To Jaclyn Ann Ashley
From your CALIFORNIA FAMILY

Congratulations, Jaclyn. You have been a blessing to us, a wonderful student, making good grades, and an outstanding athlete. We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments and are wishing you a very happy future.

Our love and best wishes,
Granddad and Grammy, Uncle Chris and Aunt Robin,
Kirstyn, Allisyn, and Brooklyn

erin lusk

Erin,
We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments.
Good luck at Indiana University—Go Hoosiers!
Dance as if no one were watching
Sing as if no one were listening
Love like you've never been hurt,
And live every day as if it were your last.
~Irish Proverb

All our love,
Dad, Mom, and Colleen

michael han

Dear Michael,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and all you have accomplished.
Go confidently in the direction of your dream and keep striving for greatness at Purdue.
God loves everybody, but I know that you are His favorite...
We love you so much!
Love,
James, Mom, and Dad

extraordinary moments

"The most extraordinary thing that has happened to me this year was solving a Rubik's Cube in 10.66 seconds."
Bill Yio, freshman

"I was able to continue on with my basketball career on a scholarship despite the fact that I had a serious knee injury in the beginning of my season."
Ankle Gasich, senior

"I played the rapper Hospin in a game of S.K.A.T.E. right before his show."
Jarrett Kivo, sophomore

"I saw Jurassic Park in 3D."
Harry Goldenberg, junior

"The school integrated the boys and girls track team. We became a very large team instead of two smaller teams. Everyone made a lot of new friends, and it has been a fun experience."
Kaitlyn Taylor, senior

"The most extraordinary thing to happen to me this year is when I reached 2,000 views on my Flickr page. Not a lot, but an achievement."
Brooke Butler, sophomore

"Everyone at the high school is nice and helpful. I thought it was going to be hard, but every thing turned out okay."
Jessica Hernandez, freshman

"I found out that I'm getting a puppy!"
Cassidy Schwartz, junior

"The most extraordinary thing that has happened to me is coming back from two 3-goal deficits in the Illiana Hockey Cup championship game and having four points to help the Mustangs beat LC 6-5 in OT."
Matt Olyan, sophomore

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anne burke

Annie Burke,

We are so proud of you.
Hard work always pays off!

Congratulations!
We love you so much!
Your Loving Family

nicole delia

Dear Cole,
How time flies. You have grown up so fast and matured into quite a young lady. Dad and I are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best of luck at college next year. Set your goals, aim high, and always believe in yourself.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dominick

liz lanman

Elisabeth, congratulations, way to go-- you did it!

We are so very proud of you. You have grown up so fast, but you are still our baby girl. Along the way you've been the music in our lives. We used to drive you and your friends to concerts (excuse me, shows) and now you're driving yourself. From the Warped Tour and Lollapaloza, all those bands and venues, the music seemed like sporting events and the gigs were the World Series or the Stanley Cup. And oh, along the way, you saw the real games too! At home you are a real neatnik (in a good sense, good thing way). The cats always want to be with you (they are very smart that way). Having dinner together will always be special and will be missed when you move up/on to IU Bloomington. Your MHS academics and activities should serve you well there and beyond. Your experiences, your hard work and your growth through participation in "the Pub" and photojournalism have shown you how much fun it can be to do something you really like. While behind the camera, you have developed a special way to see the world. You did great in golf and, in my eyes, Liz, there is a great golfer in you. Your team years only "scratched" the surface, and I hope that one day you will find your way back into the game. It has been a wonderful, special and unique senior year to see you with your sister/teacher. It has made us happy to see you happy together.

There is more to this story, Liz—keep writing it!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Sarah-Anne and Alice

maya portillo

Maya Briseño Portillo,

Congratulations, mija! Your perserverance has brought you here. Now it is time for you to lead, inspire, and make a difference in the world. Always trust in the life lessons, and mostly, speak from the heart. You make us so proud. We will always have your back.

Love you,

Mom, Nina Pilar, and Laurissa

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parin patel

"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose, you're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the girl who'll decide where to go."
- Dr. Seuss
Love, Mom, Dad, Rohan, and Serena

nicholas brant

Nicholas Brant,
May all your dreams come true!!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Taylor

angela jones

Congratulations Angela on all of your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you. Wishing you much success at IU and beyond.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ben

christian fary

The Goodman Theater School's loss in 1938 turned out to be IU Musical Theater's gain in 2013. We are all very proud and love you very much.

emily mis

Emily Mis,
Congratulations on your graduation from Munster High School!
Every milestone in your life has been a greater accomplishment than the one before. From your first words, your first steps, your first days at elementary school, middle school, high school.
We have been with you every step of the way and loved the journey.
As you take this next step, we look forward to seeing where you will go.
With much love, Mom, Dad and Alex
Do great things at IU!

alex collison

Congratulations Alex! We are so proud of you! Stay strong, focused, and always believe in yourself. The best is yet to come. Good luck at Ball State! And look out world - here comes Alexander!
Love, Mom and Dad
P.S. Here's to cruising from 2013 to 2014!

aamina khan

Dear Aamina,
Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life. You have blossomed into a confident, beautiful young lady. You have always been our pride and joy. We are very proud of all your accomplishments and pray that God bless you with happiness and success in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ayesha, Dadi, Nana, and Nani

senior salute

alanna alfonsi

Little Miss Alanna -
Our Precious One!
From baby doll to Senior in H.S.
all in the wink of any eye.
Nothing is impossible, even in
the word it says "I'm Possible."
We love you so much! Follow
your heart.
Love,
Mom and Dad

ashley suda

Congratulations, Ashley Noel!
We are very proud of all of your
accomplishments! Good luck in your future
endeavors!
Love Always - Mom, Dad, and Aunt Carole

nadia radowick

It seems like yesterday that
you were just a freshman. We
could not be more proud of
you and all that you have
accomplished at MHS. Don't
ever lose sight of your goals
and dreams. We know you will
do great in college. Welcome
to the newest member of the
Ole Miss family.
Hotty Toddy, Mom and Dad

cristina mcneiley

We can't put into words how
proud we are of you and all
your accomplishments.
Although we know you're not
our little girl anymore, know
that we will always be here
to guide you in whatever you
need. We love you, princess!
Congratulations and
Go Bulldogs!

senior varsity cheerleaders

Congrats to the Senior Varsity Cheerleaders!
We are proud of all of your hard work and dedication throughout high school! Good Luck "Girls of 2013," and "CHEERS" to you!

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kyle leahy

Congratulations, Kyle!
Our blessing arrived on Christmas Eve 1994, and you have grown up to be so caring and wonderful! We love you and wish you lots of happiness and success in the future!
Keep smiling!
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Krysten, Ryan, and Lauryn (your dogs, Lilo & Stitch, too!)

kaylee stewart

Kaylee Christine - Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. Keep striving for greatness! We love you!
Your proud family

senior salute

briana zunica

Briana,
Your smile is contagious, you have always made us smile. Reach for the stars, baby.
Be what you want to be!
Grandma is in your heart forever.
We are so proud of you!
Love you Heart and Soul!
Dad, Mom, Courtney, Conner, Bella, Louie, Sophie, and Sally

carrie boelt

"When she was three years old on her Daddy's knee, he said, 'you can be anything you want to be!'"
- Faith Hill
XOXO Mom, Dad, Clint, Casey

annie skertic

"You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!"
Annie - Congratulations on four great years at MHS! We love you and are so excited for your next adventure!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Sarah

vanis salon

bianca bohling

Bianca Bohling,

I vividly remember your first day of kindergarten - how time flies!! You have grown into a beautiful young lady!! You light up a room with your smile!! We are so proud of you!! Imagine, believe, and pursue all your dreams!!

We love you,
Mommy, Patrick, Tony, and Brisa

kyle fissinger

Kyle,
It seems like just yesterday that you were standing on the beach. Now you'll be standing on stage receiving your diploma from MHS. Good luck on your years to come.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and John

senior salute

niko karagan

Dear Niko,
Congratulations on your MHS graduation and on your journey to IU Bloomington! It seems like "yesterday" you were just a little boy... Now you've grown into an amazing man!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Kosta, Yiayia I., Yiayia E., and Pappou

rilee whitaker

Rilee Whitaker,
May you always tumble out of your airplane with stars in your eyes.
We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Emily, and Jake

megan sheets

Megan,
You have grown to be an extraordinary person. We are your biggest fans and cheer for your continued success at IU and beyond.
We love you, Mom, Dad, Alyssa, and Boomer

erin chant

Before your journey, it's best to pack lightly; just the essentials: your heart, your spirit, who you are and from where you have come. These items you carry are ingrained in your soul and will give you strength on your journey to come.
With best wishes of friends and deep love of family,
Mom and Dad

2012-2013 Mustang Ice Hockey Team

First row: Nick Kotz, Ben Taylor, Pat O'Donnell, Ethan Miller, Doug Yokovich, David Rowe, Jacob Stephenson, Kyle Porter, Josh Orosz. Second row: Coach Rick Rubino, Filip Modracek, Kyle Holdcraft, Pat Haugh, Dylan Trybula, Eric Kalis, Tyler Mehay, Mike Tobin, Cayden Colyer, Eamon Riley, Coach Nick Kalwinski. Third row: Brodie Claesgens, Kory Gouwens, Mike Cuvala, Jake Bomba, Nick Gauthier, Spencer Boerman, Matt Ryan, Hannah Bailey, Adam Rundzaitis. Not pictured: Coach Bob DeGard, Coach Tim Row.

Tyler Mehay

Varsity Record: 22-15-4
JV Record: 16-13

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Nick Kotz & Doug Yokovich

Eric Kalis

Doug Yokovich

Nick Gauthier

holly guy

Happy and fun loving.
Outside was your favorite place to be.
Laughing till it hurts.
Loved by so many.
Years flew by!
Congratulations on pursuing your dreams! You will go far. We love you Holly!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brittany, Bobby, Lindsey, and Gracie

alex sikora

Lou Holtz once said, "I've never known anybody to achieve anything without overcoming adversity." You have had to overcome so many obstacles in your life and have used these experiences to ignite a passion in you to make a difference in the lives of other people. We wish you all the success in your future. We are so proud of you.
Good luck at Creighton University.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah, and Brad

dana owens

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
- Anatole France

You keep dreaming, we'll keep believing.
We are very proud of you!
All our love,
Mom and Dad

kristina stepanovic

Kristina,
We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and of the beautiful person you have become. We wish you continued success and happiness in the next chapter of your life. Follow your dreams and know we are always there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Adam

matt bulow

Matthew Patrick Bulow,

We are very proud of you and your Eagle Scout rank. Life is full of opportunities and some obstacles. Continue on the right path and work hard to make your dreams come true.
Go Navy!

We love you and will always be there for you.
Mom, Dad, and Stephanie

aj gauthier

You always strive to do your best! We are so proud of you and your countless accomplishments! A stellar academic record, 4 years Student Government, We the People State Champion and 5th in the nation, DECA State Champion, National Honor Society, Principal's Award of Excellence, 4 years Varsity Golf, Most Valuable Player, 1st team all area and all Northwest Crossroad Conference, Sectional Champion.
Your work ethic is admirable and we wish you a successful road ahead!
Love you so much,
Mom, Dad, and Nick

senior salute

dylan ozug

Dylan Ozug,
CONGRATULATIONS!!!
I told you,
"you CAN do it!"
I'm proud of you!
Love, Mom

blake brian

Believe...
And your DREAMS will
come true.
And always
remember that
somebunny loves you.

band backers

Front Row: Julia Adams, Mary Kujawski, Carly Levin, Jenny Tassaro, Catherine Sobilo, Katie Gajewski, Megan Sellberg. Back Row: Jenna Hoffman, Rilee Whitaker, Devin Zuck, Jacob Morse, Jonathan Jercha, Austin Drabenstot, Christian Markey, Michael Peters, Mikey Litwiller, Michael Wadas. Not Pictured: Austin Melder, Dylan Ozug

What a successful year!
ISSMA Marching Band Class B Finalist - 8th in State
Symphonic Band - ISSMA Concert Band Organizational Contest - Gold Rating
Wind Ensemble - ISSMA Concert Band State Finals - 10th in State
Congratulations to our MHS Band Seniors. We are so happy you were part of the Marching Mustangs making school history in '10 and '11 earning ISSMA Semi-State and State Finals for the first time at MHS and repeating State in '12.
Your Lucas Oil Stadium memories will last. Best wishes in the future.
Munster Band Backers

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The Ackermann Family
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ENTERING THE SCHOOL YEAR with a new adviser and co-editor in chiefs, the staff prepared to adjust to working under new leadership. With the staff divided new and old, the returning writers also wanted to ensure the new felt welcomed by assigning Big Sister/Little Sister. The staff started the year with a theme already developed at Ball State Workshops over the summer, but quickly realized it needed adjusting. However, once a new theme was set, the staff got down to business.

Through countless hours of working after school and on the weekend, the staff was able to bond. Sitting at each of their computers, they laughed as Zahra's phone would alert her of a text with a "Woo, text message!" and Elena and Mia constantly requested songs for Ally to add to the Grooveshark playlist. Food played a large role in the staff's production of the yearbook. From Chipotle to Panera to Dragon Bowl, they silently devoured their meals in record time. The staff would rejoice when Emily's grandma brought food for them and were thankful for her thoughtfulness. Aamina, however, had a special bond with food that no one else on staff could match.

With the help of the infamous whiteboard and Priya's deadline calendars, the staff was able to stay on schedule and meet each deadline, which they celebrated with coloring in the ladder and wearing fake mustaches.

Paragon Volume 48 "Extraordinary" was printed by Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Drive, Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Adviser Kristi Templeton. Locally, Herff Jones Representative Betty Samples was always available for guidance and emergencies. With a press run of 1,175 the 224-page book featured 100 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost $50, while later orders rose to $55.

The staff designed the full color litho cover with gloss lamination. Design inspiration came from an issue of Nylon Magazine. The staff used the fonts Myriad Pro and Minion Pro. The inspiration for the theme "Extraordinary" came to the staff when the writers realized the extraordinary aspects of Munster in comparison to other schools in the area.

All pages were designed used Adobe CS4 InDesign and Photoshop. While most of the photos were shot with Nikon D70 digital cameras, the staff photographers shot, processed, and printed approximately 10 percent of the photos with black and white Ilford HP5 400 film. Haltermann/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as group shots, formal dances and some sports.

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1:30 p.m. Our laptops are packed back into their boxes.
2:45 p.m. Bell rings. We go to grab our school-issued black and orange Dell backpacks. They aren't there.

And just like that, all the work is gone.

We got caught up in the dull routine of the school year: the late night Moodle checks, the never-ending Math XL assignments, the dreaded midnight turnitin.com deadline.

But look past the monotony, and we're left with moments that are more special than we thought. It was squeezing as many people as possible into a friend's car to see Boys' Basketball Regionals. It was filling the auditorium with "The Sound of Music" in front of 2,000 people. It was qualifying for Science Olympiad's National Tournament for the first time in history. It was waiting in line for hours to see Jay Gatsby come to life.

Within the school year were the moments that mattered; the ones that brought a smile—or maybe even a tear—to our faces.

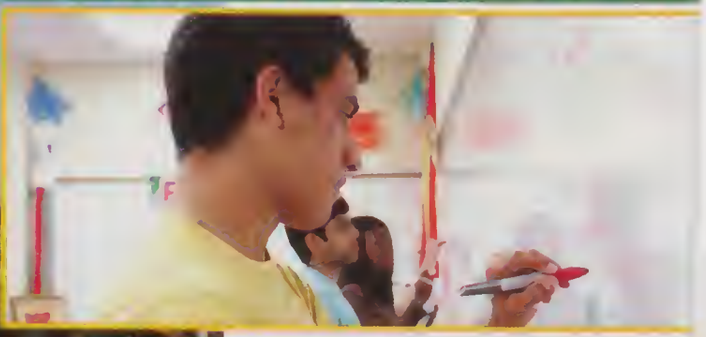
It was being Indian for the evening at HUM culture night. It was dedicating a song to Mr. Wells at Dance Marathon, hoping he'd dance with us for just a bit longer. It was going to the new FroYo and ordering our usual. It was knocking from door to door to "vote yes" to save the schools and cheering out-loud at Charley Horse when we found out the vote was 2 to 1. It was saying good-bye to Mr. Tripenfeldas and Dr. Gilworth when we found out they would be graduating to Central Office. It was throwing up a graduation cap after four years filled with indescribable experiences.

Yeah, it was high school. It was boring, it was never-ending.
It was ordinary.
But we were the ones who made it

extraordinary

commencing life | At the end of the commencement ceremony, seniors Emma Hong and Nathan Kondamuri symbolically show they have graduated by switching their tassels from the right to the left. "Switching tassels signified an end leading to a new beginning for all of us," Nathan said. "And sitting next to Emma and the rest of highest honors was amazing because it was with all of the great friends I had made and spent countless hours with through years of high school."

seeing red | In a crowd of red, seniors Jessica Wargo and Andrea Paunicka cheer for Boys' Basketball at the Sectional game against Lake Central. "I was very anxious all day because I was so excited but nervous at the same time, and I wanted to beat LC so bad because of our rivalry," Jessica said. "I loved supporting our team because they were so good, and it was so fun to watch them play. With being a senior, I knew I'd miss these games, so I had to make the most of them." **blood brother** | Arm strapped onto a machine, Alex Velez, senior, gets ready to donate blood at the Blood Drive. "Just the fact that my Dad donated, it influenced me to donate as well," Alex said. "The whole experience was pretty set up. They had everything arranged and ready. It wasn't bad at all. It was a neat experience, and they even had food after" **serving up smiles** | Working the deep fryer, Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, social studies teacher, volunteers for McMunster night at McDonald's. Teachers showed their support for the referendum by participating in the fundraiser. "(The night was) overwhelmingly positive," Mr. Jovanovic said. "I had fun, and I really did fry all those fries. It was cool to see all the people and support." [illegible] | Carefully sculpting a clay man, Sam Toth, junior, prepares to learn the regional and directional terms of the body in anatomy. "I thought it was pretty cool because it made it easier to learn the material without dissecting something," Sam said.



high in the sky | Mid air, Sydney Gunty, junior, soars over the bar in her pole vaulting event for Girls' Track. "If anything, it feels like I'm launching myself into the sky, but it all happened so fast that what I really focused on was my form and to look past the bar," Sydney said. "It literally blows your mind when you think of how it all works. I truly feel special having the ability to do the event." **pump up the crowd** | Ready to energize the crowd, seniors Erica Tuley and Olivia Wagner cheer with their fellow senior cheerleaders at the Homecoming Pep Rally. As seniors, the girls enjoyed their final year participating at the rally. "My favorite part about cheering as a senior was being able to cheer for the boys I've been cheering for since middle school and knowing this was my last year to do something I loved," Erica said. **pressure's on** | At the ready, Michael Schlotman, senior, shoots a free throw against Merrillville at Regionals. "I had a routine that I went through, and all I was worried about was making the shot," Michael said. **study session** | With study buddy Ayesha Khan, sophomore, Catherine Tavitas, sophomore, studies for a test in Honors English. "I liked studying in groups because collaborative learning really helped me understand the topic better," Catherine said. **kite runner** | Butterfly kite in the sky, Emma Slosser, sophomore, spends the day outside for Kite Day in Geometry. Mr. Steve Wroblewski, math teacher, put geometrical concepts into effect by having his students fly the kites during class. **[illegible]** | Red marker in hand, Alex Sotiropoulos, sophomore, conjugates verbs for a Spanish class activity. For each given verb, students wrote out the different conjugation forms in front of the class. "This activity really helped me understand my mistakes so that I didn't make the same mistakes in the future," Alex said.

Smiles wide, senior co-Editors-in-Chief Ally Ylo and Aamina Khan hold the Honorable Mention Hoosier Star award the 2011 *Paragon* won at the IHSPA State Convention. Putting the finishing touches on her poster, Danae Wilson, freshman, completes an in-class project on housing and pricing for Adult Roles. With her foot placed over her head, Sarah Sharpe, junior, practices tilt, one of the many skills included in the Dance Team's three dances. Anger on his face and script in hand, Steven Caraher, junior, rehearses a scene from the fall musical, *Pippin*. Dressed in a purple Teletubbies costume for Spirit Week, Michael Kitchell, senior, leans against the wall before class.